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ROOS MEET HAJDUK

BY LOU GAUTIER

CARETAKER coach Eddie Thomson is confident his Socceroos will give a good account of themselves against touring Hajduk Split.

The Socceroos, who played two matches against Torpedo Moscow four and a half months ago, meet the crack touring outfit on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium (6.30pm kick-

off) and again at Olympic Park on June 6.

Thomson has, on the whole, stuck with the players selected by Frank Arok in the tied series with the Russians.

The crack Hajduk, one of the greats of Yugoslav football, will provide the Australians with a stern test.

Their free-flowing football will guarantee the kind of spectacle fans love to watch.

For the Socceroos, the results will be unimportant.

What matters is that the national team finally gets another chance to gain much-needed international competition.

When the National League switched to summer, we were promised a feast of international football during the Australian winter.

This has yet to materialise.

The ASF has — again — failed to secure a national team for the Socceroos and had to depend on private promoters to snare Hajduk.

May I suggest the ASF start planning for next winter now.

All foreign football associations map out their national teams' schedule months, if not years, in advance.

The ASF should follow their example instead of grabbing, piecemeal, whichever touring side they can secure at short notice.

And while on the subject of the privately sponsored Hajduk tour, it is hard to understand why the Croats were accepted while a planned international tournament earlier this year was rejected on the grounds that the ASF did not favour privately organised soccer tours.



A happy Sydney Olympic party snapped as they celebrate their NSL championship victory at Adelaide's plush Hyatt Regency Hotel on Saturday night. Rear: from left, Mick Hickman, skipper Robbie Hooker, Mrs Hickman, Ron Linton (Crisco marketing manager — sponsor), Clint Gosling, David Barrett, Robbie Ironside; Front: Mrs Paschalis, George Paschalis, Peter Georgoudis and Mrs Georgoudis — ASW SPECIAL PIC.

New Victorian special each week

BY GREG BLAKE

TO comply with public demand, as from next week June 6 issue ASW will increase its Victorian content.

Conscious of its ever-growing circulation in Victoria, ASW, backed by the Victorian Soccer Federation, will be

bringing Victorian readers a double-page spread on the local scene in addition to the already comprehensive editorial coverage of Victorian soccer.

As always ASW will be presenting its Victorian State League round-up but, as from our next edition, all the

tables and results from the major competitions will be run thanks to the support of the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and Mitre Sports, both major sponsors of the VSF.

Following numerous requests ASW will run tables from the State

League, all the Victorian Leagues, all the Provisional Leagues and the Amateur League, as well as all the junior tables.

Australian Soccer Weekly is proud to extend its mantle as Australia's premier soccer publication.



Hajduk Split star Goran Vucevic — one of several ball-playing maestros in the Brazilian mould the Socceroos will have to contend with in Sydney and in Melbourne.

NSW STATE LEAGUE — DIVS 1&2 — See Ps 6/9

Abbas Saad comes of age

WRITES JOHN ECONOMOS

ABBAS Saad, Sydney Olympic's Top Five Series hero, has rapidly developed into a high class player.

This dynamic striker migrated to Australia with his parents from Lebanon at the age of nine.

He has now left Sydney for Singapore until October together with his team mate Alistair Edwards, to play full-time soccer in the new Malaysian League.

Sydney Olympic will receive a \$15,000 fee from Singapore for loaning out the two strikers.

As a youngster Saad was unsettled.

But today he is a most valuable striker with a big future waiting for him.

No greater performances were seen during the Top Five Series than the ones turned in by him week after week.

Over the season he ended up as Sydney Olympic's top scorer with 12 goals.

But that was not what has made him a such a valuable player.

The improvement made by this 22 year old match winner is incredible.

He now shows heaps of intelligence, his skills have sharpened, and above all, he is most concerned about general team play.

His constructive attitude brought three goals for his team in

the Top Five Series.

Against Adelaide City he was magnificent, setting up chances left and right.

When Olympic wiped out highly fancied South Melbourne from the play offs 1-0, it was Saad who was the architect.

He slid a lovely ball to Steve Refenes for a clear shot at goal which opposing goalkeeper Bruce McLaren couldn't hold. Edwards was on the spot to slam in the rebound.

The week before the grand final, Melbourne Croatia was fighting Sydney Olympic for a grand final place.

And Saad was the star again.

He defended strongly, and although dead tired and hurt by heavy tackles from Croatia's right full-back Andy Marth, he plucked up the energy to break away on a 45 metre raid to score a fabulous goal to lift Olympic into the big game.

Then Saad was at it again, helping destroy Marconi, attacking and defending as if his life was at stake.

What has changed him so much?

Saad said: "I would say that coach Mickey Hickman has had a lot to do with it."

"He is my second father."

"I first met him at Sydney City."

"He is honest and always understands

and helps players. You can trust him and that is why we all respect him."

"I have been with him now for eight years."

"As well, I have

grown up a little, and feel much more responsible in my game."

"Although I am 22, the Sydney Olympic team is very young and only Clint Gosling, Gary Phillips and

Grant Lee are older and more experienced than me."

Certainly Sydney Olympic will welcome him back, and he is a Soccerroo chance as well.

Constantine pushes reform barrow

BY KEITH GILMOUR



JOHN CONSTANTINE

NEWLY elected Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine gave deliberate signs that he was prepared to fully support Australianising soccer when he appeared on SBS-TV's "Face the Press" last Wednesday.

By "Australianising" it is meant that gradually Australians of every background, racial origin and so on be given full access to the sport as players, administrators or whatever, if they wish or can be called upon to do so.

The session was chaired by the gentlemanly Paolo Totaro, with the 'Australian' columnist Jeff Wells and SBS sports presenter Les Murray on the panel.

At the outset it was stated that NSL vice-chairman Tony Labozzetta had stated that he expected that most of the Bradley Report proposals would be accepted.

Mr Constantine began: "The ASF has been conducted in an administrative vacuum."

"There is no infrastructure, there is a Federal setup with

power held in the states, and meetings are difficult to call."

"Dr Bradley has given us the machinery with which to act."

"Over the 15 years I have been involved in the game, if ever the time was right for changing it is now."

He instanced the 42,000 crowd at Australia Israel at the Sydney Football Stadium, with the obvious message that if people of all ethnic bases are invited in, then the chances of bigger clubs and bigger crowds is there.

Mr Constantine expects to have commissioners in charge with proper constitutional standing, the suggested change to the voting structure implemented, and junior representatives to have a say at appropriate levels.

"I have no worries over a personal power base," he added.

That may well be, but given the badly needed reform to the sport, perhaps the ASF and commission-

ers could later approach Mr Constantine to see if he would be prepared to take up the role of Chief Executive Officer and carry on where Bradley may have to leave off.

Jeff Wells raised the question as to why district names should not prevail as an earnest of what is intended for all people of all districts.

Whether having "Fairfield Marconi" or "Liverpool Croatia" helps remains to be seen — much, much more will have to be done over time.

Obviously Bradley — and his advisers — want to build on the present club bases.

There are all sorts of problems. For example Australian champions Sydney Olympic have to get past the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation and their creditors, and then have to be completely reorganised for 1991/92, with a new structure and many changes to its present board.

It is a tremendous challenge for their able president, George Paschalis.

Mr Constantine maintained that there were in fact very few troublemaking club supporters who were giving the game a bad name.

He defended the need to move the NSL to ABC TV for wider support, and looked to the day when the sport would also be picked up by commercial TV.

Not surprisingly a few tuppenny-halfpenny issues were raised. Overall the panel discussion certainly went a little further down the line of vital public discussion of the long-awaited reforms.



PERSONALITY PLAYER

NAME: Abbas Saad
CLUB: Sydney Olympic
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Lebanon, 1/12/67.
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 5'10", 70kg
MARRIED: Single.
HOME: Arncliffe.
NICKNAME: 'Abduhl'
CAR: Ford XD
OCCUPATION: Driver

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sydney Olympic Juniors, Sydney City.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Manchester United, Napoli.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Gullit, Careca.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Paul Trimboli.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Parramatta Stadium now.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: This year's Grand Final.

BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the 1990 Grand Final.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing last year's Grand Final.

WORST INJURY: Ankle ligaments (out six weeks).
FAVOURITE POSITION: Striker.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Most sports.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rock.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Who's The Boss and all Soccer programmes.
BEST FRIEND: Tommy Pontidas.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Micky Hickman.

AMBITIONS: To play for Australia and overseas.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Refenes and Eric Hristodoulou.

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Michael Jordan.

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP AND WHY: West Germany or Brazil because many of their squad members already play in Europe.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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Hajduk Split a useful test for Aussie

BY LOU GAUTIER



THE Socceroos will come out of hibernation to play two matches against the classy Hajduk Split on June 3 and 6.

The first match is on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium, then three days later the teams clash at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Hajduk, one of the top First Division clubs in Yugoslavia, finished third in the recently concluded league and were runners-up in the Cup where they lost 1-0 to champions Red Star Belgrade.

With the exception of two players — Jarna and Boskic — selected in Yugoslavia's World Cup squad, the Croatian side will be at full strength.

The Socceroos are coached by caretaker Eddie Thomson, who will be in charge until the ASF appoints a full-time coach.

Thomson, wisely, has largely stuck to the play-



The Hajduk Split side which lost the final of the Yugoslav Cup 1-0 to Red Star Belgrade on May 19: Pudar, Hadziabic, Drazic, Bilic, Jerkan, Stimac, Jelcic, Jarni, Asanovic, Boskic.

four clubs in Yugoslavia, along with Dinamo Zagreb, Red Star and Partizan.

They have won the league eight times and have also taken out the Cup on eight occasions.

Australian fans will discover why Yugoslav players have been dubbed the 'Brazilians' of Europe.

Their technique is immaculate, a joy to behold.

There's nothing they can't do with the ball, though their temperament remains suspect.

Winning against the Croats is not the pur-



pose of the two matches.

For the Socceroos it's mainly a chance to get a much-needed taste of international competition before the next four-year World Cup cycle gets under way.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD

Robert	Zabica	9.4.64
John	Filan	8.2.70
Robbie	Hooker	17.1.62
Gary	van Egmond	29.6.65
Robbie	Wheatley	17.6.62
Charlie	Yankos	29.5.61
Andrew	Bernal	16.5.66
George	Jolevski	26.3.69
Jean-Paul	de Marigny	21.1.64
Ernie	Tapai	14.2.67
Mike	Petersen	6.5.65
Paul	Wade	20.3.62
Paul	Trimboli	25.2.69
Graham	Arnold	3.8.63
Tony	Krslovic	14.7.69
Alex	Tobin	3.11.65

ers selected by Frank Arok for the tied series against Torpedo Moscow four and a half months ago.

It remains to be seen just how many of the current players will retain their places in the squad when the new coach is appointed.

Should Thomson be that man, most of them are expected to hold their places, but competition will be fierce.

It is precisely that battle for Socceroo berths which makes the games against Hajduk important, and not just another series of exhibi-

tion matches.

The selection of young John Filan, the revelation of the season, was more than justified and he will be challenging Robert Zabica, outstanding against the Soviets, for the goalkeeping spot.

Andrew Bernal, one of the heroes of Sydney Olympic's grand final triumph, will give loyal Socceroo skipper Charlie Yankos a run for his money, and the two Robbies — Wheatley and Hooker — also have a chance to stake

their claims.

Jean-Paul de Marigny returns to a national squad where Thomson has made room for young, fresh talent like George Jolevski and Tony Krslovic.

The likely Australian starting line-up on Sunday: Zabica, Yankos, Bernal, Tobin, van Egmond, Wade, Petersen, McCulloch, Jolevski, Trimboli, Arnolds.

Hajduk, who last toured Australia in 1949, are one of the top

HAJDUK SPLIT SQUAD

Aljosa	Asanovic	14.12.65
Bernard	Barnjak	1.5.65
Slaven	Bilic	11.9.68
Dragutin	Celic	19.8.62
Danko	Drazic	17.1.63
Mili	Hadziabic	25.8.60
Josko	Jelcic	5.1.71
Nikola	Jerkan	8.12.64
Damir	Jurkovic	8.6.60
Grgica	Kovac	5.6.66
Zvezdan	Pejovic	28.10.63
Ivan	Pudar	16.8.61
Igor	Stimac	6.9.67
Goran	Vucevic	28.5.71

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Luka	Peruzovic	coach
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SYDNEY OLYMPIC



— A tribute —



1989/90 CHAMPS



Clock-wise, from bottom left, Sydney Olympic captain Robbie Hooker leads out his troops. Hooker as always was a tower of strength; a cartoon of coach Mick Hickman, who turned the team around and deserves unstinted praise; Alistair Edwards creates more havoc. His return from England was a big plus; revelation of the year Steve Refenes with the championship trophy. He is one to watch; and finally Sydney Olympic's faithful fans, whose loyalty was finally rewarded with the splendid 2-0 grand final win over two-time champions Marconi.


HOW OLYMPIC DID IT

Round 1 L Marconi 0-1 (away)
 Round 2 D Melbourne Croatia 1-1 (home) Scorer: Saad
 Round 3 W Adelaide Hellas 4-0 (a) — Saad 2, Hagan, Ironside
 Round 4 W Wollongong 1-0 (h) — Ironside
 Round 5 W Melita Eagles 5-1 (a) — Hagan 3, Saad, Ollerenshaw
 Round 6 W South Melbourne 1-0 (h) — Perinovic
 Round 7 W Sydney Croatia 2-1 (a) — Platiniotis, Saad
 Round 8 W Sunshine 3-0 (h) — Saad, Ironside, Koch
 Round 9 L Adelaide City 0-1 (a)
 Round 10 D Apia 1-1 (h) — Perinovic
 Round 11 L Preston 1-2 (a) — Perinovic
 Round 12 L St George 0-1 (h)
 Round 13 W Blacktown 1-0 (h) — Perinovic
 Round 14 D Marconi 1-1 (h) — Georgakis
 Round 15 L Melbourne Croatia 1-2 (a) Phillips
 Round 16 W Adelaide Hellas 2-1 (h) — Saad, Ollerenshaw
 Round 17 D Wollongong 3-3 (a) — Saad 3
 Round 18 W Melita Eagles 2-0 (h) — Saad, Perinovic
 Round 19 L South Melbourne 1-2 (a) — Perinovic
 Round 20 W Sydney Croatia 3-2 (h) — Perinovic, Platiniotis, Hristodoulou
 Round 21 W Sunshine 1-0 (a) — Ironside
 Round 22 L Adelaide City 0-1 (h)
 Round 23 D Apia 1-1 (a) — Phillips
 Round 24 D Preston 2-2 (h) — Saad, Ironside
 Round 25 W St George 2-0 (a) — Ironside, Lee
 Round 26 D Blacktown 1-1 (a) — Barrett
 Play-offs W Adelaide City 2-1 — Lee 2
 W South Melbourne 1-0 — Edwards
 W Melbourne Croatia 2-1 — Ironside, Saad
 W Marconi 2-0 — Edwards, Ironside

1989/90 GRAND FINAL PICTORIAL




Scenes from the QNSL Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium on May 20. Clockwise from left: Alistair Edwards, scorer of the first goal, goes flying; Robbie Ironside, the other scorer, misses this one; NSL general manager Peter Russell introduces the Olympic players to NSW Premier Nick Greiner; Ian Gray and Edwards on an aerial collision course; Olympic fans celebrate a long-awaited championship; man of the match Abbas Saad with the inaugural Joe Marston award.



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**SYDNEY OLYMPIC
v MARCONI 2-0**






Petersham continues run of draws

BY PAUL GOODWIN

A very disappointed group of supporters were left without a game on Saturday when, not for the first time this season, Ernie Smith Reserve was declared unfit for play, despite its sandy base.

Campbelltown, who have been having their own problems with the drainage at Bensley Road, managed to stage a midweek game with Petersham, but could not save the weekend fixture against Waverley.

Petersham still find it hard to score goals, but remain undefeated away from home and made the Vikings work very hard for the point in a goalless draw.

Both sides claimed that they should have scored the decisive goal, only to miss narrowly at various stages.

They are proving great fighters this season and make it hard for every team they play.

The other game called off was between Fairfield City and Rosebery.

The latter side had hoped to get something going with a new

look line-up at the weekend.

Newly appointed coach, Welshman Mick Evans, cast aside five players from the early season side and brought back last year's stars Brett Spice, Alan and Ian Stoddart and Wilson Barros.

A new player signed on loan from NSL club Sydney Croatia was due to make his debut, and a couple of other players were under notice that they need to lift their game.

As it happened they will have to wait another week to settle down with their new line-up.

Manly-Warringah welcomed back Graham Edmont after an overseas trip and the player figured prominently in the side's 4-1 win over Mount Druiit.

Without Tom Gavin and leading scorer Mark Butler, Manly found themselves a goal down after 20 minutes, with big Don Campbell driving the ball home following a series of corners.

Colin Woodward set up Tiz Morosini for the leveller in the 32nd, a pile driver from the big man, and four minutes later The

Seasiders hit the front.

A good ball from Edmont found full back John Doyle who slammed one past the Mount Druiit keeper.

In the second half two substitutes, Steve Wassell and Dudley Fox, managed the feat of scoring one apiece to wrap things up for the Cromer Park outfit.

Central Coast managed to survive against Auburn-Yugal, as Zoran Beluzic hit the crossbar and had another effort saved by David Fitzsimmons.

But when a goal from new signing Steve Dimoudis was ruled out, as the referee had blown up for an earlier infringement, Yugal lost heart.

Central Coast grabbed a late winner when Jason Gribble hit a lovely shot from 25 metres, which ricocheted off the inside of one post and against the other before crossing the line.

Petersham's run of draws continued at Erskineville Oval against Gladesville, with Ashley Williamson's sixth minute goal being cancelled out by Darren Stephenson in the 65th.

Pat Sullivan missed

a penalty for the home side in the 15th minute and Cec Chatfield skied another spot kick in the 20th, to add to the team's woes.

Granville-Chile continued their winning trot with a 2-0 result against the luckless Orange at Garside Park.

Rubin Locaputo got the first and an own goal sealed Orange's fate.

RESULTS MAY 23, 26, 27
Campbelltown Vikings 0 Petersham-Lustitanos 0, Central Coast 1 (Gribble) Auburn-Yugal 0, Manly-Warringah 4 (Morosini, Doyle, Wassell, Fox) Mount Druiit 1 (Campbell), Granville-Chile 2 (Locaputo, o.g.) Orange-Waratahs 0, Petersham Lusitana 1 (Stephenson)

Gladesville-Hornsby 1 (A. Williamson), Southern Districts v Dulwich Hill and Campbelltown v Waverley both postponed.

LEADING SCORERS:
10 Paul Harriott, 9 Sep Disch, 8 Dennis Duarte, 7 Barry Walker, 6 Mark Butler, Graeme Williamson, Andy Ferris, 5 Remy Galloway, Paul Pettenon, Gary Hastie, Leo Ulloa, 4 Nello Borges, Stephen Hooper, Oskar Selik, Max Defelicibus, Ray Carney, Gerkin Tasdemir, Chris Butt, Birol Serbas, 3 Paul Corbett, Bruno Claramella, Ian Wotherpoon, Ercan Osman, Ugher Taskin, Glen Hooper, Vaso Despotovic, Andrew Ollier, Robbie Lowe, Tony Heery, Steve Karavatakis, Chris Butti, Steve Blackburn, Tiz Morosini.

Charlton downs Rockhampton

FROM BARRY SUCH

ROCKHAMPTON did their best, but the Charlton Athletic professionals' superior fitness carried them to a 5-1 victory at Ryan Park on Thursday night.

The Central Queensland side had every reason to be pleased with their display, but fitness, plus well honed combination ruled the roost.

Billed as the Powers Bitter Challenge, the local side had former Soccerroo John Kosmina on the park for most of the first half.

Rocky's Steve Lines, Greg Rigby and keeper David Fox put in plenty of work early to keep the Englishmen at bay.

Darren Pitcher scored first for Charlton from a header, and Andrew Parker followed up with a swerving goal in the 36th minute.

Jason Wyler created some problems when he replaced Kosmina, and after the break Grant Beavers netted a brilliant goal for the home team.

But from there on it was Paul Williams, Mike Flanagan and then Minto who brought the scoring to 5-1 on a great promotional night.

Rockhampton Youth stretched its unbeaten record to 30 representative games with a 2-0 win over Gladstone.

The local Association staged a 1,000-strong march-past prior to the game.

WIN

THE Australian Institute of sport kept its 100 percent record intact with a 5-0 win over the Hong Kong Olympic side on Friday.

Goals from Nick Radecki (2), Simon Romaniuk, Kris Trajanovski and Mario

Criugri helped the tourists to another comfortable victory following its 3-0 win over the Hong Kong Olympic side on Friday.

The AIS had one more game in the colony yesterday before moving to China for the next leg of its Far Eastern tour.

—GRAHAM COOKE

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STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Southern Dist.	11 8 2	1 25	11 18
Dulwich Hill	10 6 4	0 23	8 16
Camp'town Vlk.	11 7 2	2 25	17 16
Fairfield City	12 4 6	2 18	15 14
Granville Chile	12 5 3	4 16	17 13
Rosebery	11 5 2	4 22	21 12
Central Coast	12 5 2	5 14	16 12
Waverley	10 4 3	3 15	13 11
Petersham	11 2 7	2 10	11 11
Manly Warringah	12 3 4	5 15	13 10
Gladesville H'by	11 2 6	3 16	19 10
Auburn Yugal	10 2 2	6 8	15 6
Mt Druiit Town	11 1 3	7 8	17 5
Orange Waratahs	12 0 2	10 10	34 2

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Southern Dist.	11 10 1	0 33	6 29
Granville Chile	13 8 3	2 16	19 18
Rosebery	11 8 2	1 30	11 18
Gladesville H'by	11 7 1	3 32	20 15
Manly Warringah	12 5 4	3 33	25 14
Dulwich Hill	10 6 1	3 21	6 13
Camp'town Vlk.	11 5 3	3 19	13 13
Central Coast	12 5 2	5 26	28 12
Fairfield City	12 4 1	7 14	24 9
Waverley	10 3 2	5 17	22 8
Mt Druiit Town	11 2 2	7 15	20 6
Petersham	11 1 2	8 10	26 4
Orange Waratahs	12 0 3	9 7	35 3
Auburn Yugal	11 1 1	9 12	41 8

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Mt Pritchard	6 5 1	0 17	3 11
Lemnos Allstars	8 5 1	2 14	9 11
Bankstown	6 3 3	0 13	4 8
Port Hacking	8 4 0	2 11	8 9
Hills United	7 2 3	2 15	10 7
Cyprus United	6 3 1	2 12	10 7
North Ryde RSL	7 2 2	3 11	12 6
Uni of NSW	8 2 2	4 9	18 6
Bethurst 75	6 2 0	4 6	9 4
Concordia	7 1 2	4 3	13 4
Canterbury & Dist.	7 2 0	5 7	16 4
West Wanderers	6 1 1	4 10	14 3

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Lemnos Allstars	8 5 2	1 17	7 12
Mt Pritchard	6 5 1	0 25	8 11
Canterbury & Dist.	7 3 3	1 14	7 9
Bankstown	6 4 1	1 12	8 9
Uni of NSW	8 4 1	3 17	15 9
Hills United	7 2 4	1 8	8 8
Cyprus United	6 2 3	1 17	7 7
Port Hacking	6 2 2	2 5	12 6
West Wanderers	6 1 1	4 6	12 3
North Ryde RSL	7 0 2	5 4	14 2
Bethurst 75	6 1 0	5 5	17 2
Concordia	7 0 2	5 2	19 2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Hajduk Rangers	7 4 2	1 21	6 10
SSC Zagreb	7 5 0	2 19	11 10
Concord Juniors	7 4 2	1 13	8 10
Spanish Club	8 4 1	3 22	14 9
Amcliffe	8 2 4	2 16	13 8
Trasandinos	6 3 1	2 13	8 7
Nineveh Eagles	6 3 1	2 8	6 7
Colo Colo	7 3 1	3 9	10 7
Belmore Hercules	4 2 0	2 8	8 4
Hawkesbury Dist.	5 1 1	3 3	7 3
Croatia Syd Jnr	8 0 1	5 4	33 1
Roady Hill Gunner	5 0 0	5 4	16 0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

Trasandinos	7 5 1	1 18	5 11
Concord Juniors	7 5 0	2 19	5 10
Colo Colo	7 4 0	3 14	11 8
SSC Zagreb	7 3 2	2 10	7 8
Spanish Club	7 3 1	3 12	9 7
Hawkesbury Dist.	5 3 1	1 10	7 7

Nineveh Eagles	6 3 1	2 9	8 7
Hajduk Rangers	7 3 0	4 15	23 6
Roady Hill Gunner	5 2 1	2 7	7 5
Amcliffe	7 2 1	4 5	12 5
Belmore Hercules	5 0 0	5 4	15 0
Croatia Syd Jnr	4 0 0	4 1	12 0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

West Dist Hellas	8 7 1	0 33	9 15
Macquarie Uni	9 5 1	2 24	15 13
Alexander	7 5 0	2 22	10 10
Sporting Peru	7 5 0	2 14	11 10
Lithgow Workmen	8 4 1	3 15	11 9
Prospect United	6 4 0	2 11	8 8
Ashour Star	8 3 2	1 12	13 8
GNS United	8 2 1	5 11	16 5
Chile Sports	8 2 0	6 8	21 4
Sydney Uni	7 1 0	6 8	15 2
CSI Schofields	7 1 0	6 8	25 2
Maccabi Hakoah	7 1 0	6 8	25 2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

West Dist Hellas	8 7 0	1 24	10 14
Sporting Peru	5 3 2	0 11	1 8
Sydney Uni	5 3 2	0 13	4 8
Alexander	8 3 2	1 16	11 8
Lithgow Workmen	8 3 2	3 12	15 8
Macquarie Uni	7 3 1	3 15	8 7
GNS United	8 3 1	4 16	24 7
Prospect United	6 1 4	1 9	6 6
Ashour Star	6 2 0	4 10	20 4
CSI Schofields	7 1 1	5 12	20 3
Maccabi Hakoah	7 1 1	5 12	20 3
Chile Sports	5 1 0	4 5	14 2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 1

Pagewood Botany	7 5 1	1 17	9 11
New Welcome Sport	6 5 0	1 13	5 10
Penrith	6 4 1	1 14	8 9
St Josephs	7 3 2	2 22	19 8
Assyrian	7 3 2	2 19	14 8
Liverpool City	7 2 3	2 13	12 7
Pontian Eagles	8 3 1	4 14	17 7
Fogolar Furlan	6 2 2	2 16	8 6
Balmian	6 2 1	3 18	12 5
Abuzzi	6 2 1	3 9	8 5
Liverpool Olympic	5 0 1	4 8	14 1
Cobrelas	7 0 1	6 8	35 1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 2

Liverpool City	7 6 0	1 20	8 12
Pontian Eagles	8 6 2	1 19	12 12
Penrith	6 4 1	1 30	4 9
Balmian	6 4 0	2 13	13 8
Liverpool Olympic	5 3 1	1 13	5 7
St Josephs	7 3 1	3 10	9 7
New Welcome Sport	6 3 0	3 16	13 8
Abuzzi	6 2 2	2 8	6 6
Pagewood Botany	7 1 3	3 15	14 5
Fogolar Furlan	6 1 3	3 16	13 4
Assyrian	7 0 2	5 22	25 2
Cobrelas	7 0 0	7 33	5 0

WOMEN'S 1ST DIVISION GRADE 1

North Ryde RSL	4 4 0	0 10	1 8
Melita Eagles	4 3 0	1 13	1 6
Liverpool Olympic	3 2 0	1 11	5 4
Epping Eastwood	4 1 0	3 4	8 2
Mt Druiit Town	2 0 0	2 1	9 0
Waratahs	3 0 0	3 2	14 0

WOMEN'S 2ND DIVISION GRADE 1

Gl'ville Raven	3 3 0	0 5	1 8
Liverpool City	3 2 0	1 11	5 4
Melita Eagles	3 2 0	1 9	3 4
North Ryde RSL	4 1 0	3 6	7 2
Epping Eastwood	3 0 0	3 2	17 0

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE A

Rockdale v Wollongong City	2-0	1-2
Canberra v Sydney Olympic	4-1	3-0
Sydney Macedonia v Marconi	1-0	4-0
Avala v Warringah	3-2	3-1

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

Sydney Croatia v St George	4-1	2-0
Polonia v Sutherland Shire	0-0	2-1
Canterbury v Blacktown City	3-2	1-2

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Central Coast v Auburn Yugal	1-0	4-2
Gladesville H'by v Petersham	1-1	5-3
Granville Chile v Orange Waratahs	2-0	1-1
Manly Warringah v Mt Druiit Town	4-1	3-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Mt Pritchard v West Wanderers	4-1	3-0
Concordia v Uni of NSW	0-0	0-1
Canterbury v North Ryde	1-3	0-0
Cyprus United v Lemnos Allstars	4-2	1-1
Port Hacking v Hills United	3-2	0-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Concord Juniors v Belmore Hercules	4-3	4-0
Amcliffe v Colo Colo	0-1	2-1
Spanish Club v Croatia Sydney Jnr	10-0	forfeit
SSC Zagreb v Nineveh Eagles	2-0	0-2
Rangers Hajduk v Trasandinos	1-1	3-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Ashour Star v Lithgow Workmen	1-1	3-5
Sydney Uni v Sporting Peru	1-2	8-1
Macquarie Uni v Chile Sports	6-0	5-2
Maccabi Hakoah v Alexander	1-7	1-1
GNS United v WD Hellas	0-1	2-6

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

Cobrelas v Fogolar Furlan	0-4	0-5
Pagewood Botany v Pontian Eagles	5-1	1-3
St Josephs v New Welcome Sport	2-3	2-1

SOCCER POOLS



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THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST WEEK 253 SAT. 2nd JUNE, 1990

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VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 1	CAULFIELD CITY	NORTHCOVE C.	2
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 1	WERRIBEE	WESTGATE	3
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 1	ESSENDON	PT. MELBOURNE	4
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 1	KNOX CITY	DOVETON	5
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 1	KEILOR	CHELSEA	6
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 2	DANDENONG	RICHMOND	7
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 2	DONCASTER	RINGWOOD U.	8
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 2	BRIGHTON	HUNAWADING	9
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 2	SUNBURY UTD.	WAVERLEY	10
VIC. LEAGUE DIV. 2	CLIFTON HILL	BELL PARK	11
W.A. SUP. LEAGUE	ATHENA	KELMSCOTT	12
W.A. SUP. LEAGUE	SORRENTO	PERTH ITALIA	13
W.A. SUP. LEAGUE	SPEARWOOD	NTH. PERTH	14
W.A. SUP. LEAGUE	BALGA	FERNDALDE UTD.	15
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	MELVILLE	ROCKINGHAM	16
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	COCKBURN	STIRLING T.P.	17
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	OSBORNE PK.	WANNEROO	18
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	FORRESTFIELD	BASSENDAN	19
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	SWAN CRAC	INGLEWOOD	20
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	GOSNELLS	FREMANTLE	21
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	MORLEY	EAST PERTH	22
S.A. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	HELLAS	SALISBURY	23
S.A. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	CUMBERLAND	POLONIA	24
S.A. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	AZZURRI	WOODVILLE	25
S.A. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	MODBURY	CROATIA	26
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MATCH RESULTS WEEK 252

VIC. STATE LEAGUE	MORWELL	CROYDON CITY	1	1-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	ALTONA GATE	ST. ALBANS	2	1-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	MOOROOLBARK	BOX HILL	3	1-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	NORTHCOVE C.	BULLEEN	4	3-2
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	OAKLEIGH	WESTERN SUB.	5	2-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	DOVETON	ESSENDON	6	1-1*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	PT. MELBOURNE	SPRINGVALE C.	7	3-2
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	SANDRINGHAM	MARYBURNONG	8	1-1*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	BAYSWATER	KWINANA	9	2-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	PERTH ITALIA	SPEARWOOD	10	6-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	FREMANTLE	BALGA	11	6-2
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	MORLEY	MELVILLE	12	1-3
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	FERNDALDE UTD.	COCKBURN	13	2-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	ROCKINGHAM	OSBORNE PK.	14	5-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	STIRLING T.P.	FORRESTFIELD	15	2-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	WANNEROO	SWAN CRAC	16	1-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	BASSENDAN	GOSNELLS	17	3-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	INGLEWOOD	EAST PERTH	18	1-1*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	ADELAIDE C.	CUMBERLAND	19	0-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	WOODVILLE	PT. ADELAIDE	20	1-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	CROATIA	LION GRANGE	21	1-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	MODBURY	AZZURRI	22	2-2*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	POLONIA	HELLAS	23	0-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	SALISBURY	W.T. BIRKALLA	24	0-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	DARRA UTD.	LATROBE VAL.	25	2-3
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	LUTWICHE UTD.	SLACKS CREEK	26	1-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	SOUTH UTD.	ANERLEY	27	1-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	PINE HILLS	SAMFORD	28	0-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	KENMORE	CAPALABA	29	3-3*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	TOOWONG	ALBANY CREEK	30	1-1*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	DEVONPORT	GEORGETOWN	31	1-2
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	BURNIE	WHITE EAGLES	32	1-2
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	CROATIA	JUVENTUS	33	4-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	LAUNCESTON	WEST SUBURBS	34	2-2*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	SOMERSET	ULVERSTONE	35	1-3
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	CALIES	UNIVERSITY	36	1-7
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	HOBART CITY	STH. HOBART	37	2-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE	METRO	PHOENIX	38	3-2



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 28/5/90 — WEEK 252

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED												NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED											
26	31	38	15	30	47	25	46	3	4	14	6	10	6	10	9	8							
46	56	49	52	46	49	51	45	2	5	9	7	3	4	3	3								
50	47	35	52	48	52	52	48	1	0	12	2	1	0	7	7								
47	55	53	62	56	73	53	51	6	9	5	7	0	0	3	17								
50	67	57	65	53	53			2	0	2	10	1	1										

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 252 SAT 26 MAY, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$888,199.80

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 8, 18, 22, 29, 30, 34.

Supplementary Number: 8

Division 1
The Prize Pool is \$800,000.00
1 provision winner from Qld.

Division 2
The Prize Pool is \$5,039.10
1 provision winners of WA

Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$15,116.70
82 winners of \$184.35ea

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$37,780.80
2,778 winners of \$13.60ea

Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$30,263.20
2,896 winners of \$10.45ea

VICTORIA VIC. DIV. 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakleigh	9	6	2	1	21	11
Westgate	9	6	1	2	22	6
Doveton	9	6	1	2	14	5
Port Melb	9	5	3	1	10	6
Knox City	9	5	2	2	17	12
Springvale	9	5	2	2	19	14
Mordialloc	9	3	3	3	7	9
Werrisbee	9	3	3	3	7	9
Western Sub	9	2	4	3	10	11
Essendon	9	1	5	3	14	8
Broadmeadows	9	1	4	4	9	5
Nth Geelong	9	2	0	7	11	3
Sandringham	9	1	1	7	21	3

VIC. DIV. 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bell Park	9	4	5	0	13	7
Brighton	9	6	1	2	16	13
Doncaster	9	5	2	2	19	13
Clifton Hill	9	5	2	2	11	7
Waverley	9	4	2	3	15	9
Chelsea	9	4	2	3	18	10
Dandenong	9	4	1	4	13	9
Keilor	9	4	1	3	13	9
Geelong	9	4	1	4	15	9
Hunawading	9	2	4	3	12	8
Sunbury	9	3	1	5	16	7
Colony	9	2	1	5	9	5
Richmond	9	1	2	6	14	4
Ringwood	9	0	3	6	22	3

VIC. DIV. 3

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bentleigh	9	6	2	1	19	9
Seaford	9	6	0	3	19	12

Clarinda	9	5	2	2	12	5
Altona City	9	5	2	2	22	18
Holland Park	9	4	2	3	18	12
Conco/Geelong	9	3	4	2	16	12
Moora/Boon	9	4	2	3	11	12
Heidelberg	9	2	5	2	7	9
Mornington	9	4	0	5	16	15
Lalor United	9	0	4	3	13	14
Clayton	9	1	5	3	11	15
El.Diam. Val	9	1	3	5	7	12
Yarraville	9	1	3	5	5	16
Springvale Utd	9	1	2	6	7	22

VIC. DIV. 4

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakleigh	9	7	1	1	22	10
Hawthorn	9	6	1	2	20	6
Regent	9	5	3	1	22	10
Pascoe Vale	9	5	3	1	22	13
East Brunswick	9	5	3	1	18	7
Spring Condors	9	5	1	3	15	5
Langwarrin	9	4	2	3	11	9
Karingal Utd	9	3	3	3	13	17
More Park Rang	9	3	2	4	12	7
Hamlyn Rangers	9	2	3	4	6	15
Fernree Gully	9	1	4	4	10	17
Boronia	9	1	3	5	8	21
Rosanna	9	0	2	7	11	25
Yallourn	9	0	1	8	8	24

SOUTH AUSTR.

DIVISION 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hellas	11	8	1	2	22	12
Polonia	11	5	6	0	20	8
E.D. Azzurri	11	6	2	3	16	9
Croatta	11	5	4	2	20	14
Salisbury	11	5	2	4	20	18
U.S.C. Lion	11	4	3	3	17	12
Adelaide City	11	2	7	2	9	11
Modbury	11	4	3	4	14	20
W.T. Birkalla	11	4	2	5	18	10
Becograd	11	3	4	4	12	10
Cumberland Utd	11	1	1	9	6	21
Port Adelaide	11	1	0	10	7	25

DIVISION 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Para Hills	6	4	1	1	9	7
Enfield	6	3	2	1	10	5
Olympians	6	2	3	1	7	2
Omonia	6	3	1	2	7	3
Campbelltown	6	3	1	2	6	4
Blackwood	6	2	2	2	4	5
Elizabeth	6	2	2	2	4	7
Noarlunga	6	2	1	3	4	5
C.D. Apac	6	1	2	4	1	5
Seaford	6	0	2	4	2	10

QUEENSLAND

DIVISION 3

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arnerley	9	6	2	1	25	11
U/Valley	8	5	1	2	14	10
Slacks Cl	9	4	3	2	19	9
Souths Utd	9	4	3	2	19	11
Darra Utd	9	4	3	2	21	15

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Avala's late winner

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

FIVE goals, four in the second half, made for an interesting game between Avala and Warringah Freshwater at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

Avala won 3-2 after leading 1-0 at half-time with an 18th minute goal.

After a big clearance from Avala goalkeeper Angelo Rodic, a strong attack was met with some unconventional play by the Warringah defence, which resulted in a penalty kick which Miladin Kuc converted.

Undeterred, Warringah kept going, with strikers Tony Versi and Dom Giannone unlucky to be denied by the Avala keeper or shooting over the bar.

Warringah were denied an equaliser in the 39th minute after a good cross from Ross Etherington was headed in by Robert De Cogle, only for the 'goal' to be disallowed for offside.

Avala took a 2-0 lead from an indirect freekick early in the second half, Peter Vukmirovic scoring.

But despite stout defending from Melita guest players Washington Gonzalez and Alfredo Barrios, Warringah-Freshwater pegged a goal back through Vic Masi after a good build-up by Versi and Jim McBreen.

The visitors struck again to equalise in the 73rd minute when a Glenn Sterrey clearance

was well centred by Versi, whose pass reached substitute Sam Panetta, whose shot was parried by the goalie for De Cogle to nip in and score.

At 2-2, both sides went all out for the winning goal, with Avala eventually coming out on top when Benitez was on hand to put a rebound off a shot from Kuc past keeper Frank Mikuletic.

AVALA: Rodic, Meades, Vukmirovic (Gendle 78m), Gonzalez, Barrios, Benitez (Gieskamp 78m), Nestoski, Fitzherrie, Kuc, McKie, Welch.

WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Woods, Sterrey, Knight, Dean, Masi, Etherington (Morson 50m), McBreen, De Cogle, Versi, Giannone (Panetta 50m).



St George goalkeeper Mario Saia in control against Sydney Croatia, but he still had to concede four goals as Croatia reigned supreme. — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Seal's hat-trick

BY DAVID COOPER

SYDNEY Croatia's dynamic young striker David Seal continued where he left off in the Quit National Soccer League by scoring a hat-trick in his team's 4-1 win over St George last weekend.

Only hours before he had stepped off the plane which brought him from Adelaide where he received his award as the top QNSL goalscorer for 1989/90.

Croatia dominated their fellow under-23 opponents from the start and looked the more composed side as eight of their players were more or less regulars in the recently concluded National League season.

Croatia opened the scoring in the 34th minute when Pedro Ricoy gave the goalie no chance from eight metres out.

Four minutes before the interval, Seal made a darting run into the area and was brought down, leaving him with the task of converting the penalty kick himself.

St George came back when they scored their only goal through El Ali, who broke through on the left and dribbled towards the goal, and his shot squeezed past Croatia goalie Kalac.

Croatia put the result beyond doubt when Seal was on the spot to grab a rebound from Saints' keeper Saia, who could not handle a shot from a Croatia midfielder.

Seal completed his hat-trick when he beautifully controlled the ball with his chest and his first-time shot from seven metres left Saia gasping.



Mark Babic

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Davecchia (Le Fevre), Pervan, Popovic, Babic, Hunter, Ricoy, Pillemer (Gomez), Seal, Petkovic, Lamond.

ST GEORGE: Saia (Prenica), Foltados, Augerinos, Hickman, Milicevic, McGregor, Kakelios, Krslovic, Poric, El Ali, Adioski.

DAVID JACK

It is with great regret that we report that former Australian Soccer Weekly editor and Sydney Sun soccer writer David Jack is critically ill in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney.

He suffered a severe health breakdown at his retirement home at Sussex Inlet on the NSW South Coast last Thursday.

He has been receiving intensive care, and his family have been at his bedside.

To his wife Rose and his family we extend the best wishes of ASW and its readers at this difficult time.

Wolves flattened

BY PAUL GOODWIN

JOHN Fleming's Rockdale-Ilinden side continued where they left off on Wednesday night, in defeating Wollongong City 2-0 at a muddy Hurstville Oval on Saturday.

Against his old club Fleming got the result he wanted, but it was achieved without a great degree of style or panache.

The first half brought few opportunities and most midfield build-ups broke down before the penalty area was breached.

In a rather physical game two players, Rockdale's Stuart Porter and Wollongong's David Ratcliffe, received their marching orders and yellow cards were in abundance.

John Danzo got past his opposing full back Tony Lyons in the 39th minute before squaring the ball for Dimoski, who found Zoran Naumovski too sharp and the chance went begging.

At the other end and just before the break, Stuart Porter fired in a good shot, but George Bouhoutsos made a timely save for The Wolves.

Soon after the restart Porter made a strong run down the left flank before shooting wide, but it was Porter who eventually broke the deadlock.

He was on hand to tidy up, after Bruno Beddoni had stolen the ball from Declan McEvoy and then hit the bar with a good shot.

The loose ball was then placed by Porter into an empty net.

Porter, however, was sent off for a fierce tackle on Stephen Krishna in the 61st and the game continued in spiteful vein.

In the 65th a Jason Higgs backpass was intercepted by Beddoni who put the chance wide.

In the 79th Declan McEvoy failed to clear the ball after a Rockdale raid and Beddoni was quick again to read the situation finishing with clinical efficiency.

Dave Ratcliffe tried to intervene in an incident between Danzo and Jimmy Campbell and his forceful approach was enough to see his dismissal, having previously earned a yellow card.

Ratcliffe came into the side when regular pivot Sean Scott was injured in the first match against Avala.

Zivko Hristovski will now move into the centre of defence until Scott's return, but the club will stick with its plans to use predominantly under-23 players



DAVID RATCLIFFE

ers until the last half dozen rounds, when four over age players may be given an outing.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Segreto, Lyons, Naumovski, Buchanan, Wilson, Daveridge, Campbell, Beddoni, Porter, Lerond.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos, McEvoy, Ratcliffe, Allport, Baggott, Placentali, Krishna, Higgs, Danzo, Oldridge, Dimoski (Bosovski 60).

Gilbert settles issue

PLAYING some delightful football the young Marconi side went down to Sydney Macedonia by the only goal of the game, scored from the penalty spot.

Marconi missed a penalty in the 15th minute, but the normally reliable Fabian Kadric put his own attempt wide for the home side in the 55th minute, so honours were still even at that stage.

It was left to second choice penalty-taker Scott Gilbert to step up and settle the issue in the 66th minute of a close and enjoyable match.

Gilbert had one attempt pushed out, but he was quickest to the rebound and the points went the way of the Yagoona-based side.

A good 700 supporters were on hand at Jensen Park, Macedonia's regulars being swelled by many locals interested in seeing what Marconi could do and taking the opportunity to watch them in action in their own Bankstown area.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Ballie, Plovski, Reveley, Arcosa, Fernandez, Kotsias (Genovese), Gilbert, Spirovski (Lee Sterrey), Kadric.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: Schwarzer, Colucci, Cortes, Budwee, Lovas, Charwood, Surjan, Vanegas, Licata, D'Allest, Calic.

— PAUL GOODWIN



St George on the attack against Sydney Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre last weekend. HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Composite Table

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avala	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Sydney Macedonia	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Wollongong Mac	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
Polonia	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Canberra	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Sydney Croatia	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Rockdale Ilinden	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
North Shore Utd	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
St George	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Sutherland Shire	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Canterbury	2	1	0	1	4	6	2
BHP Austral	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Marconi	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Inter Monaro	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Blacktown City	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Warringah	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Sydney Olympic	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Wollongong City	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

U/19

Wollongong Mac	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Polonia	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Wollongong City	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Sydney Macedonia	2	2	1	0	1	5	2
Canberra	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Sydney Croatia	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Inter Monaro	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Avala	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Blacktown City	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Warringah	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
BHP Austral	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Canterbury	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
St George	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Marconi	2	0	1	1	4	8	1
Rockdale Ilinden	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sutherland Shire	2	0	2	2	4	0	0
Sydney Olympic	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
North Shore Utd	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Congratulations, NSW State League!

THE NSW Soccer Federation celebrated the new State League First Division with a function at the Cypriot Club at Stanmore last Thursday night.

It provided a marvellous chance for executives, club officials, coaches and players to get together with the media.

Whilst ASW is giving NSW top cover, it is time that other media outlets got right behind the improving high standard NSW competitions.



Pedro Ricoy comes close to scoring for Sydney Croatia's under 23 side in the NSW State League against their counterparts from St George. — Photo by HECTOR CARRASCO.

Berries take vital points from Demons

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THIS game had the lot: a committed Blacktown side which chased everything and showed plenty of flair in its attacking moves and a Berries side always prepared to run at the Demons' defence.

The visitors appeared to have the game at their mercy, going in at the break a goal up, but an unfortunate mishap and a disallowed goal changed the whole face of the game.

The speed and energy of the Canterbury front-runners caught out the youthful defence of the Blacktown side on three occasions and it was these lapses which decided the fate of this enthralling match.

Blacktown dominated the front hour of play, although they did get a fright on two occasions, when clearances were made off the line.

Greg Woodhouse made a hasty clearance to the feet of Bernie Godzik and the resultant shot was booted away by Damon Langan in the 7th minute, while in the 20th Woodhouse made a point-blank save from Louis Dounis and the follow up shot was lited to safety by Andrew Brockbank.

Chances galore fell in this absorbing game, but when the deadlock was broken in the 27th minute it was from the penalty spot.

Craig Mason, who turned in a first class performance, apart from one tragic lapse in the second half, put Eric Ferguson through, only for John Radman to bring the Scotsman down.

Andrew Brockbank netted nicely and could have got another with a firm drive in the 40th, which Dragan Pupovac got down to nicely.

Further opportunities came via Mason and John Gibson, both headers, while for the Berries, Tom Divljak

was just wide.

Laurie McKinna had a 54th minute goal disallowed for a push, which only the linesman had seen, and that seemed to knock Blacktown's confidence after they had prematurely celebrated being 2-0 up.

Canterbury got the lucky break they needed when a lofted back pass by Mason intended for Woodhouse fell well short of its target and the swift running figure of Nick Oustambasidis managed to win the race for the ball and plant the equaliser past the keeper.

Five minutes later Oustambasidis broke away again, but was forced wide by the last defender.

It was only moments before Bernie Godzik spotted an opening down the centre and in the twinkling of an eye had rounded the last defender and buried his shot in the back of the net.

Blacktown kept on coming and got back in the game with a Geoff Gunning equaliser, when the former Marconi winger did well to control a cross from Peter Bennett deep on the right and turned well to fire in a top shot.

Canterbury had the last word, however, for Divljak put Dounis through in the 85th and the flat-footed Demons defence was left gasping as Dounis wrapped it up for the home side with a slashing drive.

Blacktown continued to push forward and only a driving save by Pupovac, in pushing a Gunning shot in injury time round the post, deprived Blacktown of at least a point from a game they should have sewn up long before.

The loss makes it hard for Blacktown to regain their NSL status.

In a competition which gives them only 14 more matches to play and with no points on the board, it will be a tough campaign.



ERIC FERGUSON

The excellent work rate and skill of John Gibson and Craig Mason was offset by Tomas Divljak's control in a busy midfield on the day.

The Berries on the other hand have six players still to come into the side, before reaching full strength and coach Ilija Takac will have a good basis now for a successful season with his squad.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Slavski, Adamou (Benitez 68), Diles, Hantzi, Radman, Divljak, Godzik (Hill 85), Millesourgos, Oustambasidis, Dounis.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Woodhouse, Bennett, Brockbank, Langan, Connolly (Ackerley), Mason, Gibson, Ferguson (Bourke), McKinna, Comerford, Gunning.

Ilinden win 4-0

BY CHRIS SRBINOVSKI

SYDNEY Olympic and Rockdale Ilinden opened their 1990 State League campaign last Wednesday night, in atrocious conditions which saw the under 19 game called off.

Ilinden dominated a first half in which they did not score, but produced at least eight clear chances to Olympic's one.

Beddoni had his 20 metre left foot drive turned away by Gary Meier, while Beddoni and Porter missed easy headers and in the 30th minute Lerond had a goal disallowed.

Olympic's best chance came after some confusion between Naumovski and Warren after a through ball. This let in Aroujo who went wide to round the keeper and pushed his shot wide.

The second half continued much the same as the first. Beddoni, Wilson and Porter all failed to score with only the keeper to beat.

It took a classic goal to break the deadlock. Ilinden captain Darren

Wilson in the 70th minute won a challenge some 30 metres out on the left. He regained his composure and hit an unstoppable shot into the far corner of Meier's net.

The floodgates were about to open, and one minute later Lerond found Porter alone on the right. His hard low centre went in off the crowd of players in the box, and was credited as an own goal.

Five minutes later Lerond again found Porter alone on the edge of the area. Porter steadied and hit a low shot past Meier from 20m.

Three minutes later Porter broke through again only to be brought down by Sarazore. Porter converted the spot kick, to give a final score of Sydney Olympic 0 Ilinden 4.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Papageorgiou, Sarazore, Georgeopoulos, Bernal, Chilas, Plataniotis, Hristodoulou, Aroujo (Drouzo), Theodoropoulos (Cardoso), Lardis.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Segreto, Lyons, Naumovski, Buchanan (Stojcevski), Campbell, Wilson, Deveridge, Lerond, Porter, Beddoni.

Canberra thrash Olympic

BY GRAM COOKE

THE celebrations are over for Quit National Soccer League champion Sydney Olympic as its NSW League side came face to face with the realities of winter football at Canberra Croatia's Deakin Oval on Sunday.

Croatia won 4-1 before more than 1500 spectators to stretch its winning streak to 10 games and underline its determination to win back the NSL place lost three seasons ago.

As in past pre-season, friendly and NSW Cup games, Canberra built its superiority from defence and midfield. Jason Dunn was in superb touch at the back while George Kulcsar and Joe Galletti formed a partnership which brought near 100 per cent frustration to an Olympic attempt to create something down its right flank.

Alan Reis had the ball in the net after eight minutes only to be pulled back for an infringement, but there was no such let-off for the visitors 11 minutes later. A long, diagonal pass from Ned Zelic found Tony Lemeza on the blind side of his defender to slide the ball past goalkeeper Gary Meier.

The Olympic veteran showed why he is still

considered one of the most competent goalkeepers in the country

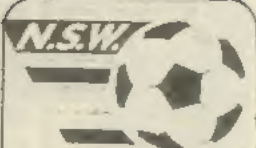
with a couple of spectacular saves in the space of 10 seconds from Alan Reis and Stan Dukic, but could do nothing with a penalty kick from Reis after George Georgeopolous had brought an illegal end to Doug Marcina's charge out of defence.

By the second half Croatia's midfielders were moving up for a slice of the action and Kulcsar found the gap through a crowd of defenders to put his side three up.

The final goal underlined Croatia's confidence. Pratezina fooled the defence with a run past Lemeza, and when everyone expected him to pass, scored with a well struck ball along the ground.

Eric Hristodoulou scored a consolation for Olympic from the penalty spot and in stoppage time Gunning earned his winning bonus by getting down smartly to save from Nick Plataniotis.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Marcina (Serena 70), Galletti, Dunn, Young (Junna 68), Kulcsar, Pratezina, Zelic, Reis, Lemeza, Dukic.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, J. Saratore (Papageorgiou 68), F. Saratore, Georgeopolous, Bedrov, Chilas (Drouzo 75), Plataniotis, Hristodoulou, Araujo, Lardis, Refenes.



FIRST DIVISION

Chopin Park no melody

ON a very heavy Chopin Park pitch play was literally bogged down in midfield as Polonia and Sutherland battled to overcome the difficult conditions.

Neither Graham Arnold nor Marshall Soper got a look in for their adopted clubs, as defences had both players well covered.

It was, to sum up, a dour struggle and only two shots late in the game from Grant Bard, which Bruce Thurlow saved, brightened the day for the hardy spectators.

Sutherland were without John Kosmina, in Adelaide for the NSL awards, while Polonia had Nowicki missing.

SUTHERLAND: Noffke, Sellar, Webber, Biscaya, O'Shea, Hulseon, Sharp, Arnold, Loney, Bard.
POLONIA: Thurlow, Chau, Lasek, Robertson, Kulwicki, Colusso (Gavin Thompson), Moja, Drys, Beamer (Anderson), Craig Thompson.

— PAUL GOODWIN

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SATURDAY JUNE 2

DIVISION 2

Manly Warringah	v	Orange Waratahs	Cromer Park
Waverley	v	Mt Druitt Town	Waverley Oval
Petersham	v	Granville Chile	Erskinvale Oval

DIVISION 3

Bankstown	v	North Ryde	Jensen Oval
Lemnos Allstars	v	Hills United	Camperdown Oval

SUNDAY JUNE 3

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Sydney Olympic	v	BHP Austral	St George Stad 3pm
Rockdale Ilinden	v	Canberra	Hurstville Oval
Marconi	v	Avala	Marconi Stadium
Wollongong City	v	Warringah	Brandon Park
Sydney Macedonia — bye			

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

St George	v	North Shore Utd	St George Stad 5pm
Canterbury	v	Sydney Croatia	Arlington Oval
Inter Monaro	v	Polonia	Marco Polo
Blacktown City	v	Sutherland Shire	Gabbie Stadium
Wollongong Macedonia — bye			

DIVISION 2

Central Coast	v	Campbelltown Vik	Pluin Park
Dulwich Hill	v	Auburn Yugal	Arlington Oval
Fairfield City	v	Southern District	Knight Park
Gladesville H'by	v	Rosebery	Christie Park

DIVISION 3

Bathurst '75	v	Mt Pritchard	Bathurst SG
West Wanderers	v	Concordia	Harold Read Res
Uni of NSW	v	Canterbury & Dist	Little Bay Oval
North Ryde RSL	v	Cyprus United	Magdala Park
Port Hacking	v	Bankstown	Seymour Shaw

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Gardiner bites bullet at Preston

BY GREG BLAKE

IF Preston made no other positive move this season, the appointment of John Gardiner as coach for the next two years must be seen as an indication that the club is ready to move out of the ranks of also-rans

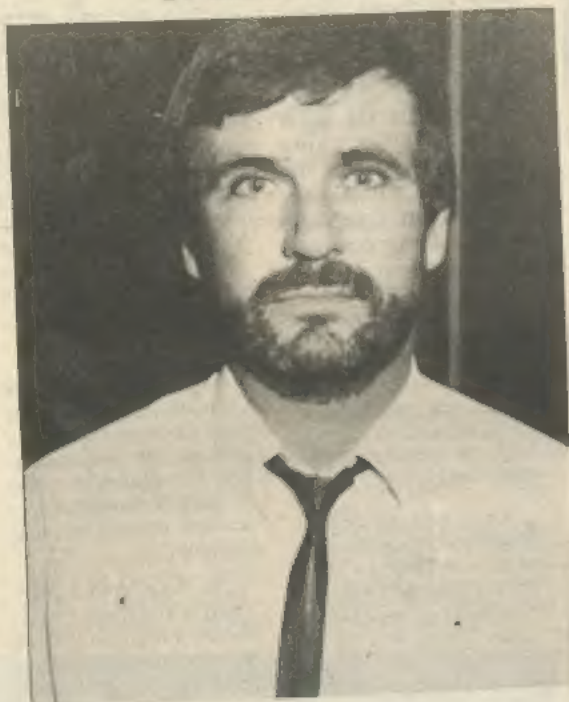
Gardiner, a no-nonsense coach with a straightforward approach, is just the man to calm the stormy seas which threatened to swamp the club in season 1989/90, when it failed to kick on after a fleeting finals appearance the previous year.

Preston, by losing John Markovski, discarding 1989 coach Andon Donceviski and with in my view sundry other acts of amateurism, were as much the victim of their own hand in the season past as they were of their "injury and suspension" excuses.

Granted rookie coach Ljube Jancev gave as much as he could with a squad lacking enthusiasm and hamstrung with crucial senior injuries to the likes of Warren Spink and Oscar Crino.

But the spark in Preston's belly was missing in 1989/90 and Gardiner is likely to be the man who can rekindle the flame.

It works both ways



JOHN GARDINER — no-nonsense.

of course — the former Sunshine George Cross coach relishes the chance to take on a squad with the potential to be a finalist.

"Yes, it's a job that really appeals to me," says Gardiner of his new appointment.

"As opposed to the ones I knocked back, this club I see as having potential.

"I really believe the club has a big future but there is still the matter of getting the place in order and getting the people behind me."

Not that getting people behind the coach has ever been an easy task at Preston.

Despite finals appearances in 1985, 1987 and 1989, just ask the likes of Bill Murray, Ernie Merrick and Donceviski how difficult it is to get the support from all of the people all of the time.

"You only get the people behind you with success," says the ever-pragmatic Gardiner.

"I think if you make the finals you can be deemed a success. "Naturally each club has groups of supporters which all have their own favorite players and you are not going to please everyone.

"But I've been appointed by Preston to do the best thing possible by the club and either it is going to support me or the whole thing is a waste of time."

Gardiner has had to begin his tenure at Connor Reserve in ruthless fashion.

Martin Woodall, the courageous midfielder who re-joined the club from the State League mid-year, has been released to link up with

former Preston top scorer Steve Smith at Brunswick Juventus for \$12,000.

And hard-working George Slifkas, a player of untapped potential, has joined Heidelberg for \$10,000.

Failed import Kire Temcev, central defender Bill Piculovski, a veteran of the 1985 cup final squad, John Metaxis and several other younger players have been transferred by the club.

A number of others — Joe Markovac and Robert Momirovski included — are set to be loaned to State League clubs to gather valuable senior experience prior to the next NSL campaign.

"As far as the transferred players are concerned, it was unfortunate that I had to make my decisions so quickly," explained Gardiner.

"I've let them go so they've got the opportunity to play elsewhere.

"They won't be feeling too nice toward me at the moment but it gives them a chance at another club straight away.

"It is part and parcel of the job to have to make the hard decisions.

"And if I'm wrong maybe I can buy them back next year," Gardiner says with a grin.

Gardiner has already sat down with the Preston committee to discuss his plans for 1990/91 and has made a number of suggestions about possible recruiting targets.

"I obviously would like to bring in some new players but it is no point in naming any just yet," he told ASW.

"At this stage we will just worry about re-signing our current senior players for next year."



GEORGE SLIFKAS — untapped potential.

The boot is now on the other foot!

BY GREG BLAKE



LOU RICHARDS: the all-time Aussie rules great was in a state of shock after NSW beat Victoria in the recent State of Origin match at the SCG.

fans in the Bicentennial Cup in 1988.

The Sun ran the story on the fifth back page.

The soccer fraternity in Melbourne has complained loud and long about the rules dominated Melbourne media

and has gotten nowhere.

It was heart-warming to see the rules people stuck with the shoe well and truly on the other foot for once.

May they whinge loud and long and to no avail.

Victorian member flies the flag

BY GREG BLAKE

THE Victorian State member for Richmond, Mr Demetri Dollis, last week raised in State Parliament the decision by the NSW Soccer Federation to ban the use of national flags and community language announcements during soccer games.

Mr Dollis asked the Minister for Sport & Recreation, Mr Tresize, to outline the Victorian Government's position on this important matter and also as to whether the Minister has had discussions with the Victorian Soccer Federation on this issue.

Mr Dollis said: "Ethnic groups have contributed significantly towards the development of our multicultural society and in particular towards the development of soccer in Australia."

He went on to say: "Soccer is becoming a major Australian sport and ethnic groups are contributing towards Australian soccer being recognised internationally."

"There are a number of philosophical arguments in favour of people being able to use the flag which characterises their club colours or their team's ethnic composition, but there also are more practical reasons as to why community language announcements should be used during soccer games," Mr Dollis continued.

"The use of commun-

ity languages during soccer games has contributed towards the game being enjoyed considerably more by soccer fans and has given fans an opportunity to communicate with each other in a language they understood and feel comfortable with."

Mr Dollis said: "Australian citizens and Australia in the 1990s has the ability to accept the diversity of the various cultures and languages which exist in our society."

The Minister, Mr Tresize, criticised the NSW Sports Minister's statements as objectionable.

He said: "I thought we lived in a free country and I should have thought that members of the Opposition would agree that it was an objectionable statement by their counterparts in NSW."

Mr Tresize said: "I trust they agree this is a free country and that people should be entitled to fly any flag they desire at a soccer event."

"After all Australia is a multicultural country comprising 146 nationalities."

[NSW Soccer Federation chairman Peter Thorne told ASW: "We are not going to be rash over use of other nations' flags. The board, with the co-operation of most clubs, foresees national colours in some cases blending in as club colours. NSW has decided to put the emphasis on Australia and the sport of soccer." — Ed]

Transfers extended

BY GREG BLAKE

AS from May 15 Victorian players will no longer be restricted by the old one transfer per season regulation.

Coming into effect from that date, all senior players will be eligible to obtain a second transfer within the same transfer season.

The granting of the second transfer within the same season will only be possible where the club with whom the player is currently registered is willing to sign the required transfer form to release the player concerned.

No player can obtain a second transfer without that consent.

The new regulations effectively mean that loan transfers, officially not recognised by the VSF, will now become possible for players dropping down from the NSL to play in VSF competition during the off-season.

Clubs should note that the Transfer Season this year closes on Friday June 29, 1990, at 5pm.

It will not reopen until December 1, 1990, or until the date determined by the Board of Management following the 1990 Annual General Meeting, whichever is the earlier.

The NSL Transfer Season is already closed and will not reopen until thirty days after the NSL Grand Final held on May 20, 1990.

NSL clubs should therefore note that if they agree to release players to Victorian State, Victorian or Provisional League clubs, but wish to regain their services prior to the start of the next NSL Season they should do so prior to June 29, 1990.

The next NSL season is due to commence on October 6, 1990, however, Melbourne based NSL clubs' commitments begin with the Dockerty Cup matches on September 8.

Baggio Furore

ITALY's World Cup team will train behind closed doors because of disturbances by Fiorentina fans protesting at the transfer of midfielder Roberto Baggio to Juventus.

"We have decided to continue our preparations — behind closed doors," said Gianni Petrucci, secretary general of the Italian Federation. Petrucci said the decision was taken after consultations with Ita-

lian coach Azeglio Vicini. He said about 800 of the 5,000 fans who watched the Italian squad practice in the Coverciano sports complex last week had

disturbed the players. Some 2,000 fans last week whistled and jeered at Baggio and four Juventus players in the World Cup squad during a public training session at Coverciano.



ROBERTO BAGGIO — his transfer has rocked Italian soccer.

FORGED TICKETS

AN Italian sports newspaper says as many as 10,000 false tickets for the World Cup soccer final may have been sold.

The "Gazzetta Sportiva" ran a picture of what it says is one of the false tickets on its front page.

The real tickets for the final in Rome's Olympic Stadium on July 8 and other World Cup games have not yet been distributed and the colours and design haven't been made public.

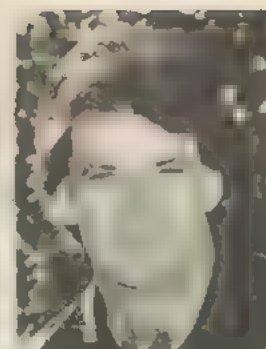
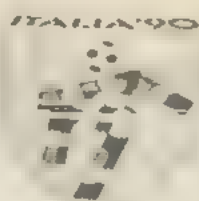
Jan's TV ban

DUTCH midfield ace Jan Wouters has been handed a six-match ban for a foul which the referee missed — but the TV cameras didn't.

The Ajax star appealed against the decision but the Dutch Federation have ruled that video evidence can be used.

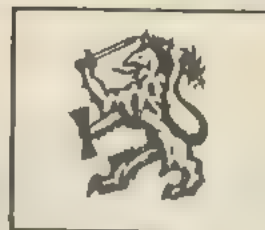
It is believed that the Federation's senior officials are none too pleased with the decision.

A number of players complained that the Fiorentina fans had spat on them.



JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP

Dutch may have gone off the boil



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WHEN Holland, in particular Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten, played the Soviets off the park in Munich two years ago in the European Championship final, few doubted they had just seen a side capable of matching South America's finest in Italy this year.

But as the World Cup approaches, the Dutch look less likely winners of the trophy they twice came as close to in the 1970s.

Injury, loss of form and internal wrangling threaten to undermine their challenge — and they could even struggle to reach the second round from a group that includes England, Ireland and Egypt.

There is no doubting the current form of van Basten and his AC Milan colleague Frank Rijkaard, but at Barcelona, Ronald Koeman has not made the expected impact, while his brother Erwin is, along with Gullit, one of temporary coach Leo Beenhakker's injury worries.

Gullit's influence on the team is immeasurable both on and off the field, and it will be a severe blow if he is not fit.

He started a match for the first time since

the European Cup final a year ago in AC Milan's last league game of the season, but not even Belgian surgeon Marc Martens, who has carried out two operations on his injured knee, can give him full clearance.

Gullit led the opposition to coach Thys Libregts, the successor to the equally unpopular but well-respected Rinus Michels, which ended in Ajax Amsterdam's Beenhakker being appointed for the finals.

Even that was not to Gullit's liking: the players wanted Barcelona's Johan Cruyff to take the reins.

The appointment of Beenhakker, backed by Michels — still the "eminence grise" at the heart of the Dutch federation, has had a divisive effect, with the normally mild van Basten exclaiming that the players had finally lost confidence in Michels.

It is not the first time the Dutch have changed horses in midstream, and on each occasion in the past it has almost brought them the ultimate reward.

History

In 1974, shortly before the finals in West Germany, they dumped coach Frantisek Fadrich and replaced him with Michels — the rest was history: they emerged as the team of the decade, although



FRANK RIJKAARD — in top form for Italia '90.

their fluent running failed to overcome the rugged, more disciplined Germans in the final.

Four years later, they pulled the same stroke after Jan Zwartkruis led them to the finals and they called on Ernst Happel to guide them in Argentina: they again made the final, only to lose once again to the home side.

History has a habit of repeating itself and for that reason alone it would be no surprise to see Beenhakker's team beaten by Italy in the final in Rome.

But first they have to make it past the combined threat posed by England, Ireland and Egypt.

Much of the responsibility will again rest on the shoulders of van Basten. Ronald Koeman and Rijkaard, who is emerging as a truly great player.

Equally important will be the contribution of the unsung hero of the side, Ajax captain Jan Wouters, and PSV Eindhoven's midfield general Gerard Vanenburg.

For many people, Wouters was the man of the tournament in West Germany.

His vision, intelligent running and use of the ball gave an added di-

mension to the Dutch game.

Bowlegged and an unlikely looking footballer, he is a natural forger whose understanding with Ajax teammates Danny Blind and Aaron Winter will be crucial to Dutch hopes.

Occasion

Vanenburg, like Wouters, has had an indifferent time of it since Munich, but is very much the player for the big occasion and, with his flair for attack, adds weight up front as well as in midfield.

He takes the pressure off van Basten and the mobile Johnny Bosman, who is likely to be preferred to the bulky Wim Kieft.

Beenhakker is fortunate to have such options open to him, but he will be only too aware from his spell in charge of Real Madrid that all that matters is the right result.

As much as anything, it is the players' attitude that will have a significant bearing on Dutch hopes: the Netherlands' 1990 vintage may even succeed where their illustrious predecessors failed and lift the World Cup at the third attempt.

THE WORLD CUP FACTS — 1930-1990

YEAR	HOST	WINNER	R/UP	SCORE	THIRD/FOURTH	TOP SCORER	AVE GOALS	AVE CROWD
1930	URUGUAY	URUGUAY	ARGENTINA	4-2	USA v YUGOS ★ (EQUAL THIRD)	STABICE (ARG) 8	3.8	24,130
1934	ITALY	ITALY	CZECH	2-1	GERMANY AUSTRIA	SCHIAVIO (IT) CONEN (GER) 4 NEREDLY (CZ)	4.1	23,235
1938	FRANCE	ITALY	HUNGARY	4-2	BRASIL SWEDEN	LEONDAS (B) 8	4.6	26,833
1950	BRASIL	URUGUAY	BRASIL	2-1	SWEDEN SPAIN	ADEMIR (BR) 7	4.0	60,772
1954	SWITZ	W GERMANY	HUNGARY	3-2	AUSTRIA URUGUAY	KOCSIS (HUN) 11	5.3	36,270
1958	SWEDEN	BRASIL	SWEDEN	5-2	FRANCE W.GER	FONTAINE (FR) 13	3.6	24,800
1962	CHILE	BRASIL	CZECH	3-1	CHILE YUGOS	JERKOVIC (YUG) 5	2.7	24,250
1966	ENGLAND	ENGLAND	W.GERMANY	4-2	PORTUGAL USSR	EUREBIO (POR) 9	2.7	50,458
1970	MEXICO	BRASIL	ITALY	4-1	W.GER URUGUAY	MULLER (WG) 10	2.9	52,311
1974	W.GERMANY	W.GERMANY	HOLLAND	2-1	POLAND BRASIL	LATO (POL) 7	2.5	46,684
1978	ARGENTINA	ARGENTINA	HOLLAND	3-1	BRASIL ITALY	KEMPES (ARG) 6	2.6	42,374
1982	SPAIN	ITALY	W.GERMANY	3-1	POLAND FRANCE	ROSSI (IT) 6	2.8	33,967
1986	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	W.GERMANY	3-2	FRANCE BELGIUM	LINEKAR (ENG) 6	2.5	42,307



NSL AWARDS AT ADELAIDE'S HYATT REGENCY



THE WINNERS

All the glitz and glamour normally associated with the QNT National Soccer League Awards were well in evidence at the Hyatt Regency in Adelaide last Saturday.

The prestigious event was beamed out Australia-wide, and there was no doubt that the various award winners had outstanding qualities.

Player of the Year — voted in by the players themselves — was Zeljko Adzic, who was interviewed from Zagreb, where he is currently playing for Dinamo.

His Melbourne Croatia team-mate Branko Milosevic was runner-up.

Paul Okon (Marconi) led ASW Player of the Year John Filan by a narrow four votes in a close contest for Under 21 Player of the Year.

Coach of the Year was again the consistent Berti Mariani of Marconi, with Apia-Leichhardt's Manfred Schaefer taking him right down to the wire.

John Santa Isabel, the Melbourne bank manager, was the correct choice by the smart money as Referee of the Year.

He appropriately thanked his "ex wife" for the assistance in his gaining the award.

Young David Seal, who claimed the Top Goalscorer of the Year in the last game, was another modest individual recipient.

The evening was graced by the presence of the Federal Minister for the Environment, Sport, Tourism and the Territories, Ros Kelly.

The Warren Medal was awarded for the first time — a well conceived move which can only enhance the image of the code amongst the Australian community at large.



NEXT WEEK

**SPECIAL PICTORIAL
ON THE WINNERS**

Paul Okon, the brilliant Marconi midfielder, on stage at the Adelaide Hyatt Regency with ABC-TV presenter John Bell. Okon 18 is Australia's under 21 Player of the Year — ASW photo.

NSL AWARDS

Player of the Year

ZELJKO ADZIC	Melbourne Croatia	141
BRANKO MILOSEVIC	Melbourne Croatia	128
GREG BROWN	Melita Eagles	100
IAN GRAY	Marconi	91
TOM McCULLOCH	Marconi	77

U21 Player of the Year

PAUL OKON	Marconi	177
JOHN FILAN	St George	173
CARL VEART	Adelaide City	114
DAVID SEAL	Sydney Croatia	112
GEORGE JOLEVSKI	Preston Makedonia	100

Coach of the Year

BERTI MARIANI	Marconi	19
MANFRED SCHAEFER	Apia Leichhardt	16
FERENC PUSKAS	Sth Melbourne Hellas	12
RAUL BLANCO	Melita Eagles	10
IVAN RAZNJEVIC	Melbourne Croatia	9

Referee of the Year

JOHN SANTA ISABEL Victoria

NYL North Player

KRIS TRAJANOVSKI Aust. Institute of Sport

NYL South Player

SASO BECVINOVSKI Melbourne City JUST

Top Goalscorer

DAVID SEAL Sydney Croatia 15 goals

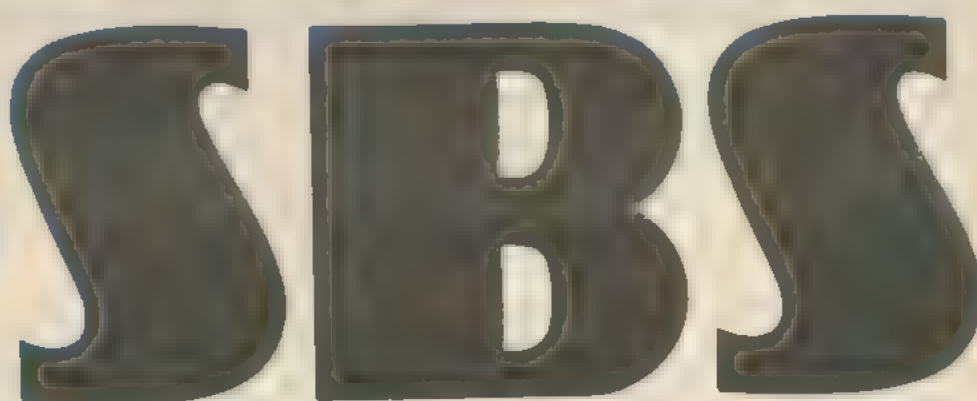
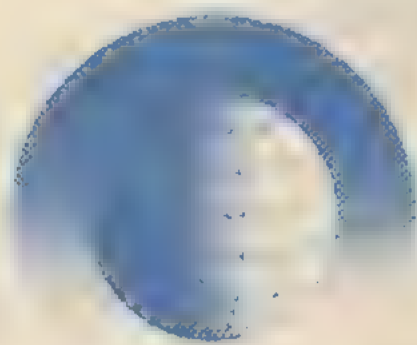
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SUNDAY JUNE 3

10.55PM Eastern States
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Adelaide)

**REPEATED
MONDAY JUNE 4**

4.30PM Eastern States
and Perth

(1/2 hour earlier in
Adelaide)

**ONE HOUR
HIGHLIGHT**

Richard Lorenc Italy-bound



RICHARD LORENC left for Italy early this week to officiate at the World Cup finals.

Australia's lone representative at Italia '90 had a busy schedule before departing.

It was good to see his achievement recognised with TV appearances on SBS and Channels 9 and 7.

Lorenc, who was surprisingly bypassed as the QNSL grand final referee, is confident of at least refereeing one first phase match and is likely to be on the line on at least another occasion.

He is the first Australian-born referee selected for World Cup duty. Other Australian citizens who have refereed in the finals were Tony Boskovic (1974 and 1982) and Chris Bambridge (1986).

All soccer fans will wish the likeable whistler 'Bon Voyage' and 'Fortuna' ('Good Luck') to Italy.

— LOU GAUTIER

There's finally light at the end of soccer's tunnel

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

WITHOUT wishing to raise false hopes or unrealistic expectations, there now appears to be a small light flickering at the end of the tunnel which raises some prospect of a new era for Australia soccer.

After many long years of frustration, ineffective administration and at times utter dejection, we are suddenly seeing signs that the right corner has finally been turned.

Nothing of any major significance, not one step on its own, but a series of differences which gives one a good feeling for the future.

The bold experiment with summer soccer gives every indication that with some fine tuning and a willingness to learn from past mistakes it can give the code a solid base on which to build on.

John Constantine's election as our youngest ever ASF president brings a completely fresh outlook towards overcoming some of the game's traditional problems.

A real possibility of handing the responsibility for the future of our national team into the hands of the thoroughly professional Josef Venglos may prove to be a stroke of genius.

All these events point to a future brimming with confidence, but there's much more.

Australian-produced talent continues to make an impact in Europe with Frank Fanna and Tony Dongo leading the way.

Youngsters such as ASW player of the year John Filan and Sydney Croatia's 18-year-old striker David Seal winning the NSL leading goalscorer award is encouraging.

Our budding stars are being given the opportunity to prove themselves and are eagerly grabbing their chance.

Marconi's classy teenage midfielder Paul Okon played an important role in his club winning the minor premiership and stood out amongst his more experienced teammates in the Fairfielders' grand final defeat.

What about the long-awaited Bradley Report?

After years of living by the seat of its pants the code has at last got a valuable blueprint to point the way ahead.

Tangible proof of real progress will certainly be provided by simply adopting its recommendations.

No matter what angles you look at, that feeling of optimism is there.

Television coverage of the Quilt National League by the ABC has gone ahead by leaps and bounds.

Next month's eagerly awaited telecasts of the World Cup by SBS will lift soccer to a new high profile.

The long, impressive list goes on and on.

As the thousands of Liverpool fans have been preaching for years around Anfield: "At the end of a storm there's a golden sky"; likewise, it just may be possible that the worst period for Australian soccer is now behind us and a new, vibrant age is finally about to dawn.

We don't want to be-

come over-optimistic but the signs are beginning to appear that

there is, after all, some possible hope for the future.



Frank Farina in action for Belgian champions FC Brugge. The top scorer of the Belgian First Division is due back this week for a holiday in his native North Queensland.

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MELBOURNE

TONY DORIGO won't be the only Australian-born player in the World Cup finals when he competes for England. Another Aussie-born defender, Graeme Rutjes, has been selected in the Dutch squad.

BERTI Mariani's future as Marconi coach may be decided during the World Cup finals. Mariani and Marconi president Tony Labozzetta will both be in Italy where things will be thrashed out. Should Mariani stand

team two weeks ago. Davidson was reluctant to play, but as a contracted player had no choice. While youth sides are allowed to field four over-age players, Apia claim that Dovo's selection, as well as that of first team regular Mark Talajic, was not in the spirit of the game. Apia, of course, lost 2-1.

MELBOURNE Croatia midfielder Branko Milosevic has pulled out of the first Australia v Hajduk game because he is to be married on June 2 — the day before the match at Parramatta Stadium. But he hopes to be considered for the Olympic Park game on June 6.

The NSL had to reclaim Sydney Olympic's grand final cup to repair it in time for last Saturday's NSL award presentation night in Adelaide. The cup ended in the hands of Olympic fans after Sunday week's triumph and was broken up in four separate parts.

RAUL Blanco and Melita Eagles have made up and the likeable Argentine-born coach will remain at the helm next season. Blanco had been fined \$500 for cutting a training session short before the last game of the season. The committee suspended the fine and then lifted it, completely after talks with Blanco last week.

THE Australian Institute of Sport squad is now on a 10-match tour of south east Asia that takes in Malaysia,

down, he may fill an executive marketing position at the club next season.

Apia were not one bit amused when Melbourne Croatia fielded Alan Davidson in their National Youth League grand final-winning

Whilst the NSL Awards Night at the Hyatt Regency in Adelaide was a huge success, a couple of long-winded speeches by club officials went beyond the pale. No repeats should be permitted at future functions.



FLASHBACK! The official party snapped by ASW cameraman Hector Carrasco at the NSL Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium. L to R: Remo Nogorotto (Marconi president), George Pashalis (Sydney Olympic president), Sam Papasavas (NSL chairman), Peter Russell (NSL general manager), Nick Greiner (NSW premier), John Constantine (Australian Soccer Federation chairman).

China and Hong Kong. New assistant AIS coach Steve O'Connor is accompanying the lads.

Preston president Chris Jankulovski is still disappointed at his club's \$1,000 fine over the St George Stadium crowd problems in the match between Preston and Sydney Olympic in March. At the recent NSL tribunal hearing the fines for both clubs were reduced but the good behaviour bonds increased and extended. Jankulovski said his club was still not happy but would accept the tribunal decision.

THE National Soccer League's Appeals Board has dismissed the \$2000 fine imposed on Frank Arok for "controversial" newspaper comments. Arok, instead, was "reprimanded".

IN tribute to the late Nick Galanis, Sydney Olympic fullback David Barrett draped his jersey over the late official's coffin at his funeral last week. Galanis, among other capacities at the club, was youth team manager and often paid players out of his own pocket. He will be missed and our condolences go to his family.

VLADO Bozinovski has completed a very successful first season in Portugal with Beira Mar. The Socceroo midfielder received nominations in determine First Division Year. French

club Eddie Krncevic played for this year, has shown interest in him.

APIA Leichhardt have advised long-serving goalkeeper Tony Pezzano, 29, he won't be required next season. The former Socceroo and Sydney City custodian hopes to keep fit as a guest player in the NSW State League before securing a spot with another QNSL club next season. Pezzano is one of only four survivors from the inaugural National League in 1977.

IAN GRAY has had to withdraw from the Socceroo squad for the matches against Hajduk Split after injuring his ankle three weeks before the grand final, which explains why he was nowhere as dominant against Sydney Olympic as he normally is. The Marconi midfielder will be unable to train for at least four weeks after undergoing surgery last week.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC president George Pashalis has revealed he will recommend former NSL general manager Stefan Kamasz be appointed as the club's first full-time administrator.

RALE RASIC, Frank Arok, Charlie Yankos, Adrian Alston, Raul Blanco, Mario Etchart, Les Scheinflug and Eddie Thomson will be the in-studio panelists with Andy Paschalidis during SBS' live telecasts from Italia '90.

NSL manager Peter Russell is off to the World Cup and will make calls at FIFA in Zurich as well as the English and Scottish Football Associations. Russell is travelling at his own expense. There will be a definite benefit to the NSL — over to you, Sam Papasavas!

Dr Graham Bradley, author of the report on future reforms for soccer, was previously a member of the team which worked to improve Australian rugby league. He said: "The two exercises were fairly similar. Perhaps the difference was that in the rugby league case we were only dealing with the authorities in Sydney whereas with soccer every state was involved."

ASF chairman John Constantine and Dr Bradley now go to all State Federations to finalise the plans.

The quiet man, so far as the public is concerned in the Sydney Olympic setup, has not been coach Mick Hickman, although he isn't a man to hog the headlines. The award goes to assistant-coach Geoff Harcombe. Those who remember him have to thank back to the days when the defunct Sydney Prague club cut a swathe through the NSW State League.

The coach? Dr Joe Venglos, and for a while the great Leo Baumgartner.

For five years Harcombe played in the Everton reserve team, without breaking into the top side. Apart from that he made no

less than nine appearances for England at Youth level.

Looking back to the record-breaking NSL grand final, the National League deserves the highest praise for the presentation of entertainment which included the Australian Cowgirls and the Australian Champions, the Hornsby Brass Band. Said former national coach and super supporter of the Green and Gold, Rale Rasic: "They deserve every credit for such a marvellous display!" And, incidentally, Rasic complimented the NSW Federation on their new rulings over the proposed curbing of politically motivated violent incidents at soccer matches. "I have an ethnic background and I back the new moves 100%," he added.

BHP Austral didn't let the grass grow under their feet when they had no match last week due to the postponement of the NSW State League round to accommodate the NSL grand final. They set off for Taree for an exhibition game and to conduct training sessions for local players.

Incidentally, Austral youth team goalkeeper David Bunkley was a Taree junior, whilst team-mates Dean McWhirter and Brett Thomas hailed from Port Macquarie.

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REPLAY MONDAY JUNE 4

Draw specialists Altona, St Albans go 1-1

BY MARC BREKAU

Bergers, Juventus draw in big game

ALTONA GATE 1
ST ALBANS 1

St Albans extended their unbeaten run to nine matches with a draw against Altona at Paisley Park, but left it until the last five minutes of the match to snatch their equaliser.

Both teams provided little for the 300-strong crowd to get excited about, and Altona found the St Albans defence hard to penetrate despite the probing runs of McMullen and Tasevski.

Altona struck first with a goal by Klime Asimovski, whose 18-metre freekick in the 39th minute found the top hand corner of the net.

Outside that, keeper Junderl was hardly troubled by the Altona forward line in the first half.

St Albans also found difficulty in breaching Altona's back four, and both Basara and Eres were kept under wraps for most of the match.

Altona appeared content with a one-goal advantage in the second half, and only had themselves to blame when a lapse in concentration allowed Basara to fire home St Albans' equaliser five minutes from full-time and ensure that his side's unbeaten run continued.

NORTHCOTE CITY 3
BULLEEN UNITED 2

Last season Bulleen finished in 10th position in the State League.

This season they are leaving the impression with their supporters that they wish to emulate that feat as they fell at the hands of a spirited Northcote City side on Saturday.

After a dour first-half, Paul Harris made it 1-0 when he headed in a corner five minutes into the second half.

Manny Anezakis made it 2-0 15 minutes later when he picked up on a mistake by keeper Rob Terzini and Harris, back from injury, made it 3-0 from the penalty spot in the 77th minute.

Bulleen capitalised on some sloppy defensive work by Northcote when it scored two goals in 10 minutes.

Firstly, Anthony Grbac fired home in the 80th minute and Fab Incantalupo made it 3-2 two minutes from full-time.

MORWELL FALCONS 1
CROYDON CITY 1

Second placed Croydon found Morwell a difficult opponent as both teams played out a scrappy match and shared a point each.

Morwell's Frank McGrellis pulled the best from goalkeeper John McKinlay early in the first half, and could only look on in despair when he lobbed McKinlay only to see the ball saved by the crossbar after 20 minutes.

The second half livened up and after 60 minutes Stuart McArthur fired in a shot from within the box to give Croydon the lead.

Morwell, influenced by the return of Jim McBryde from suspension, continued to press home their attack and scored an equaliser in the 70th minute.

A cross from Cassar was met at the back post by Shaun Byrne whose accurate header beat McKinlay.

In the end, coaches Ian Dobson and Bob McLachlan had to be content with a point apiece.

MOOROOLBARK 1
BOX HILL 1

Poor pitch conditions at Mooroolbark's Esther Park ground ensured that this match was going to be tough going for both teams.

Mooroolbark scored after five minutes when player-coach Graham French fired home the ball from close range.

The home side then clammed up and became defensive as they strove to protect their slender lead.

Archie McGeachie, back from injury, will be a welcome addition to Ray Taylor's team in the future.

Unfortunately for Box Hill, his presence did little on the day and the away side had to wait until the 71st minute before gaining an equaliser.

Greg McLeod fired home a penalty after a hand ball offence to ensure Box Hill did not leave Esther Park empty handed.

ALBION UNITED 2
THOMASTOWN 0

Albion remained in first position with a win over Thomastown in a match that had both the crowd and team officials waving a critical finger at referee Frank Deak.

Steve Douglas stared in disbelief after seven minutes' play when his 16-metre shot skimmed the crossbar.

The first half continued to be an even match, with Ken Murphy inspiring Thomastown on his return from injury.

Albion scored in the 53rd minute when David Azzopardi headed in from close range as Thomastown bowed to the home team's pressure.

Then Karayel was tackled by DiMartino and fell to the ground in a 50-50 ball situation.

Unfortunately, Karayel came off second best and had to be stretchered off the ground with a reported



Hus Skenderovic of Melbourne Croatia takes on Goran Lozanovski (No 2) of Altona Gate in the National Youth League (South) grand final. ROY HAY Photo.

broken leg.

Ian Wallace came on in his place and assisted the locals as they pressed home their attack.

Once again Azzopardi was on the receiving end of a cross to score his second in the 66th minute to secure the points for Albion.

One sour point was the behaviour of some so-called fans, who thought it fair to throw coins and cans at goalkeeper Zoran Janakievski during the second half.

It was not a good advertisement for the game in Victoria.

CAULFIELD CITY 2
RINGWOOD CITY 2

Caulfield came back twice from behind in a match that saw Ringwood keeper Colin Blackley sent off in the second half.

Ringwood opened the scoring through Duncan Plank, who fired home a John Corvan cross from 10 metres out after six minutes.

Carlos Romero put in a polished performance for Caulfield, and his cross was met by Con Pappas five minutes before the interval to level the score.

David Shannon's powerful header 10 minutes into the second half regained the lead for Ringwood, and then disaster struck for the home side.

Colin Blackley retaliated to a strong challenge from Con Pappas, only to find himself conceding a penalty and being shown the red card.

Reserve keeper Glenn Clarke stepped in between the posts and did well to save the resulting penalty, only to see the loose ball picked

welcomed back both Brian Brown and Faus to DeAmicis from injury.

Lewis looked sharp on the day, and could have scored when he intercepted a poor Juventus backpass only to see his shot saved by Peter Laumets.

Then he struck with a well taken goal in the 49th minute.

A mistake by Ferla allowed Lewis to pick up the ball and fire home within the box to give his side the lead.

Brunswick pressured Heidelberg in the second half as it searched for an equaliser.

Mori was brought on to add strength to the Juventus attack together with McNicholl, and it was he who secured a point in the dying minutes of the match with a header as Heidelberg failed to clear the ball in a goal-mouth scramble.

That point lifted Heidelberg into second place and keeps Brunswick in sixth position on the ladder.

FRANKSTON PINES 0
GREEN GULLY AJAX 2

Green Gully ensured they stayed in touch with the League leaders and made amends for last week's defeat at the hands of Fawkner by beating Frankston Pines at Monterey Park.

It was a good team performance by Green Gully who found little opposition in the form of Pines under the guidance of player-coach Jim Ross.

Green Gully took the lead after a good build-

up through Harrison and then surged further ahead when Tommy Daley made it 2-0.

Harrison and Daley are now both top scorers at Green Gully with five goals each.

LEADING SCORERS

11: Lewis (Heid), 8: Pappas (Caul), 7: Douglas (Albion), Eres (St Albans), McMullen (Altona), Smith (Bruna), Tuck (Bull), 6: Klepac (Croy).

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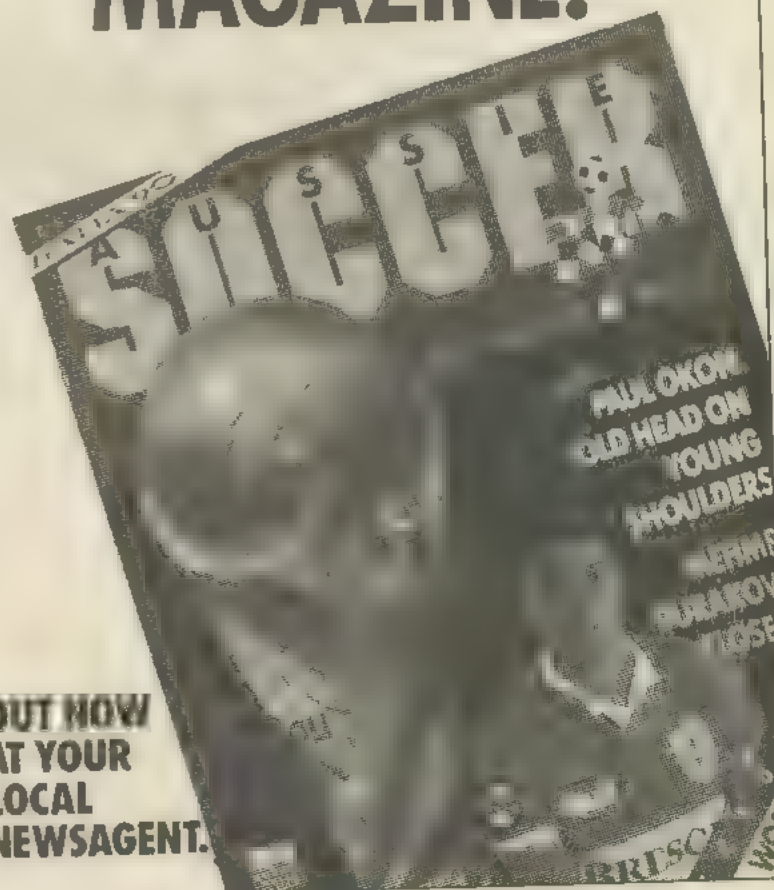
Altona Gate v Albion, Caulfield City v Northcote City.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Box Hill v St Albans, Bulleen v Mooroolbark, Heidelberg United v Ringwood City, Croydon City v Brunswick United, Fawkner v Mor-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion	17	10	5	2	25	8	25
Heidelberg	17	10	3	4	35	17	23
Croydon	17	9	5	3	24	17	23
Thomastown	17	8	5	3	22	20	22
Fawkner	17	9	3	5	26	21	21
Brunswick Utd	17	8	4	5	26	15	20
Green Gully	17	9	2	6	23	15	20
Bulleen	17	8	4	5	27	25	20
Northcote	17	8	3	6	24	20	19
Morwell	17	5	8	4	20	15	18
St Albans	17	5	6	6	20	18	16
Caulfield	17	6	4	7	24	25	16
Meib City	17	4	8	5	18	22	16
Altona Gate	17	4	7	6	19	19	15
Ringwood	17	4	4	9	22	35	12
Mooroolbark	17	3	5	9	13	22	11
Frankston Pines	17	1	3	13	9	36	5
Box Hill	17	0	4	13	12	39	4

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

Coach Zoran Matic has named a strong, no-shocks State side for the June 13 clash with touring Hajduk Split at Hindmarsh.

The 17-man pool is dominated by players from Adelaide giants, Adelaide City and Hellas. The squad is:

Goalkeepers: Robert Zabica (City), Robbie Parks (Hellas); Defenders: Alex Tobin (City), Brenton Hiern (Hellas), Robbie Slager (Croatia), Tony Vidmar (City), Milan Ivanovic (City); Midfielders: Sergio Melta, Adrian Santrac (City), Paul Wilde (Salisbury), Mladen Putanec (Croatia), Alby Kidd (Hellas); Strikers: Eddie Lonka, John Christopoulos (Polonia), Steve Maxwell, Carl Veart and Joe Mullen (City).

A full-scale trial match will be played on Monday.

"The local players have a very busy schedule and we want to cause as little disruption as possible with our sessions," said Matic.

"We shall hold three sessions and will call another if it is necessary."

Meanwhile, SA will play in the Independence Day tournament in Vanuatu from July 25.

SA officially has accepted the invitation to play in the prestige event. Officials are to be announced later.

Matic has submitted his report to the Adelaide City board on the NSL just past and awaits its observations.

FORMER Joey Ross Aloisi of Adelaide City was the player to catch the eye in a special trial match last week at Hindmarsh for Youth Soccer coach Les Scheinflug to look over the best under 19 talent in SA.

Aloisi, who went with the Joeys to the last world under-16 championships in Scotland, has had an outstanding season for Adelaide City in the Foundation State League.

He impressed onlookers in a midfield role in the trial.

Aloisi, 17, has added inches to his height and bulk this season and could be a real NSL prospect for City next season.

TWO prominent Adelaide clubs are believed to be well behind in player payments.

The onfield personnel increasingly is becoming disenchanted with that and strike action has been mooted.

SENIOR coach Harry

Brown will be instructor at a Level 1 certificate coach course next month at Bowker Street, Brighton.

Sessions will be held on Sundays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24.

SASF development officer Carlos Buzzetti will be instructor for a Level 1 certificate course in July at the SA Sports Institute, Valetta Rd, Kidman Park.

COACH Bob Wincer is impressing at Salisbury with his attention to detail.

In a bid to have the club play to standard pattern throughout ranks, he attends mid-week training for the Bernies reserves and under 18s.

Salisbury's booming youth plan also looks sure to bear fruit again with left-sided midfielder Heath Robertson.

The 16-year-old is tipped to make the senior side before the end of the season.

PITY long suffering soccer kids and their beleaguered parents.

Modbury and Seaford under 13s, for example, faced an horrific weekend.

The sides met on Sunday at 10am in a league clash at Golden Grove.

On Monday at 10.30am they clashed again in the cup at Seaford.

That is a travelling distance of more than 80km.

STATE under-16 squad goalkeeper Peter Cindric had a training session to remember last week with Croatia.

Melbourne Croatia keeper David Miller was back in Adelaide and put Cindric through his paces as he maintained fitness for the upcoming clash with touring side Hajduk Split.

Miller moved to Melbourne this season from Hellas and largely was instrumental in helping Croatia into a play-off place before it bowed out to eventual champion Sydney Olympic.

CAMPBELLTOWN City members next month will have their say on whether or not they want to merge with Adelaide City.

The proposed amalgamation comes right into the open for the first time at a special meeting of members.

"For the first time, members will be called into the discussions over the possibility of amalgamation," said Campbelltown chair-

man Arthur Di Fede.

"This meeting is for members to find out exactly what is going on and for them to hear committee views on the matter.

"The committee feels we should join but the members have the final say. We have got to get 80 per cent in agreement before anything can happen so it is better for us to find out now how they feel.

"Financially, we are sound but there are too many clubs in SA and not enough population to support them.

"We would like to build a joint club that other communities can respect. Marconi is the measuring stick to follow.

"There still is a lot to be worked out but a trust could be formed to buy some property for us to develop and support.

"In talks with other clubs, it seems mergers could be the way to go. Others could be talking about joining too.

"We don't like losing our identity and all the hard work that has gone into the club but we have to look at tomorrow and provide something that those who follow can work on."

In any merger plans, Campbelltown and City would join and train and play in the Foundation State League First Division at Newton.

POLONIA coach Stan Cygan and assistant Gerry Pettit have done some tough talking at training to shake out the lethargy of recent displays.

And heads could roll if there is not a lift in effort and attitude.

Polonia's Alistair Crook was suspended from the weekend's action after a dismal day for goalkeepers in the PGH Federation Cup tie against Salisbury.

Crook was sent off after picking up two bookings.

His understudy Peter Konstandopoulos took over and picked up a caution for handling outside the area. Chris Terpeou in the Salisbury goal also was booked.

EXCITING Salisbury striker Paul Simmons had to make a sporting choice before this season and soccer came out a winner.

Simmons had represented SA in soccer at under-14 and under-16 level and last season was skipper of the under-18s in the national titles.

He also had worn State colours in baseball and was a member of the Australian



Robert Zabica

National Development Squad.

"I had to choose between the two and soccer won," said Simmons, 19. "There are more opportunities in the game and really I enjoy it more.

"Baseball was more social."

Simmons now wants to consolidate in the Salisbury line-up with a NSL spot and international honours a long-term dream.

SA has named a strong under-16 pool for the national talent identification scheme matches from July 9-14 at Parklea, NSW.

Zoran Maricic will be coach, with Jack Innes team manager and Nick Joy trainer. The squad:

Peter Cindric (Croatia), Neil Brown (Adelaide City), James Musci (Port), Phillip Frisic (Croatia), Shane Porter (Polonia), Matthew Ryan (Salisbury), James Mitchell (Birkalla), Heather Robertson (Salisbury), Nick Tsoukalas (Hellas), Paul Caporaso (Campbelltown), Frank Tibaldi (Hellas), Andrew Kilishiri (Omonia), Michael Tachos (Hellas), Frank Jukic (Croatia), Michael Brennan (Croatia), Heather Weber (Modbury). Stand-by players are — Shane Foley (Adelaide City), David McGair (Omonia), Bill Lelas (Birkalla), George Katsenaris (Hellas), Jason Trimboli (Adelaide City), George Pirintzis (Polonia), Ricky Petropoulos (Hellas), Bill Kaafetzis (Hellas), Richie Alagich (Port).

ADELAIDE Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blazincic played last week with four stitches in a hand injury.

The big custodian kept a clean sheet against Adelaide City. He had the stitches put in the wound after an industrial accident.

NSW CHS Regionals at Valentine Park

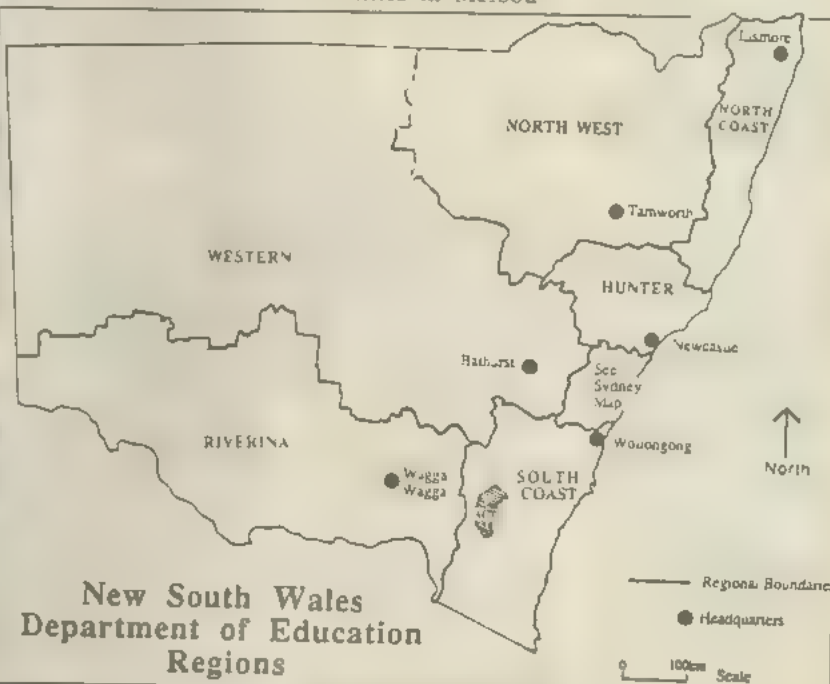
REPRESENTATIVE players from all over NSW will be appearing at the NSW Combined

Thursday June 7.

They will also be competing for selection in the NSW squad to contest the Australian titles in Melbourne.

Pool groups for this year's tournament are:

POOL A Metropolitan East, Metropolitan North, North Coast.



High Schools Inter Regional tournament at Valentine Park, Parklea from Tuesday June 5/

me from September 1/7

Selectors will choose 30 keen youngsters, a figure that will be later fined down.

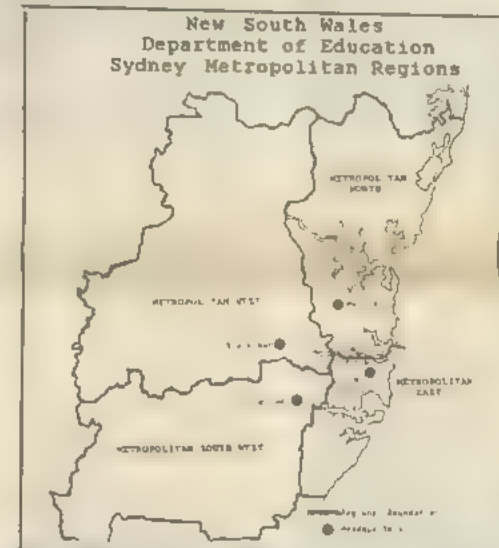
South Coast, North West.

POOL B Metropolitan West, Metropolitan South West, Western, Riverina, Hunter.

Semi finals and finals will be take place on Thursday, 7th June.

The tournament manager is Mr Ron Pratt of Riverstone High School (Tel 627 1484 and 627 1646).

• **MANDY LANG-LAR**, of Belconnen United, maintains a healthy lead in the Acclaim Trophies best and fairest award for the ACTWA first division. After five rounds she has 10 points, followed by Stormbird's Heather Burnie on five.



Adelaide City demonstrates their defensive power in the game against Sunshine. Milan Ivanovic (left), Paul Shillabeer and Charlie Villani are in for a header at Hindmarsh Stadium. — Photo: JANUSZ KAMMA.

Stowell toey over Qld NSL place

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell believes the state cannot wait for implementation of the Bradley Report to get back into the NSL.

Stowell, the Queensland Soccer Federation's Director of Coaching, fears the heart of his side which played a 2-2 draw with touring English side Charlton Athletic last week, will be lost if Queensland cannot gain representation in the NSL in time for the start of the second summer season in October.

The Bradley Report calls for the inclusion of teams from Brisbane and possibly the Gold Coast — but not until 1992.

Stowell pointed out Queensland players had already been asked last year to wait 12 months for NSL and he believes many may not stick around for a further year.



QSF president Wal Dann said he was heartened by the NSL avenues opened by the Bradley report, although he was "disappointed" by the time frame.

"We will be doing everything possible to get into the NSL this year," Dann said.

Caretaker Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson, who watched the Maroons draw with Charlton, has no doubt the NSL needs Queensland and the talent is available for a com-



BRUCE STOWELL: pushing for rapid QNSL status for Queensland.

bined side from the Sunshine State to be competitive in the premier competition.

"From what I have seen here, I am sure a combined Queensland team could be competitive in the NSL," Thomson said after the Charlton match.

Thomson was impressed by the standard of youngsters Clayton Koch, Noel Carroll and Stein Groom.

"I can't believe the natural talent of the kids here, but they need something to aim for."

"The NSL is the shop window of Australian Soccer and you can't deny players like these a place there."

"Queensland has

been forgotten too long."

"Unfortunately there seem to be people in the south who, for their own reasons, don't want Queensland back into the league."

"That's wrong, because places like Queensland, the Gold Coast, Newcastle and Canberra have got to be part of it."



"This team can't wait," Stowell said of his 1990 Maroons.

"We already have

lost a lot of players to the south and the best younger players in this side will follow them if we can't offer National League football in the immediate future.

"Irrespective of what the Bradley report says, Queensland should push for inclusion this year."

"If we are not ready to go this year then perhaps the background work has not been done as hard as it should have been."

Inter Monaro on road back

BY GRAHAM COOKE

INTER Monaro is safe for this season — and an ambitious development plan in conjunction with a Sydney company could see the struggling Queanbeyan-based NSW State League club secure for the rest of this century and beyond.

About 50 members, meeting at the Marco Polo Club were given details of a \$6 million project to develop land at the Carinya Street premises for a 57 unit motel and conference centre.

Marco Polo president Dominico Barilaro says the plan does not involve the soccer field and that its partner is keen for Inter Monaro to continue.

Proposed is the redevelopment of the car park beside the club and an area overlooking the soccer pitch.

Apart from the motel units there will be a two-layer parking building, swimming pool, and a refurbishment of the Marco Polo Club building itself the upper floor of which will house the convention centre.

"There is little in the way of convention centre accommodation available in Queanbeyan and, apart from the National Convention Centre, in Canberra as well," Barilaro said.

"The company wants facilities for as many sports as possible."

"We feel this can only be of benefit to the area."

If all goes well work could begin later this year and be completed by 1992.

More importantly for soccer, the project will generate extra income which will eventually enable the Marco Polo Club to resume its

TWO battling Queensland XXXX League clubs used rescheduled midweek fixtures to stage upset results last week.

Bottom placed Mount Gravatt posted their first win of the season with a 1-0 victory over derby neighbours Easts while

Thistle continued their climb away from the foot of the table with a shock 2-2 draw with local rivals North Star.

The matches were among a near full-round of games rescheduled to midweek times slots to allow a free weekend for the Queensland-Charlton match.

The win over Easts gave the battling Hawks a much needed three points in their bid to get away from the unfamiliar competition cellar.

BY GREG RUSSELL



BILLY WILLIAMSON

took a surprise lead with

The Alan Niven-coached Mount Gravatt had failed to register a win in their first six games but showed more determination in scoring their 1-0 victory over an uninspiring Easts.

Former Olympic United striker Phillip Makridakis netted Mt Gravatt's winner midway through the first half with a devastating 25m shot. Niven claimed the one goal did not reflect his team's dominance.

"We want to win more than them," Niven said.

"Apart from the first 10 minutes we were well on top — 3-0 would have been a better indication of the game."

Import David Glenn was outstanding for the Hawks, prompting Niven to suggest the midfielder has a show of selection in the Queensland State of Origin team to play NSW next month.

Thistle came within minutes of scoring their first win over North Star in years in their Lanham Park clash.

North Star, the reigning premiers, led 1-0 at halftime but Thistle

took a surprise lead with goals from local Darren Bender, who has settled at Thistle after stints at North Star, Brisbane City and Rochdale, and fellow new signing Trevor Smith.

Stars only saved face when big centre-forward Geoff Matthy glanced in a header off a corner five minutes from time.

Apart from the disappointment of dropping two points, North Star had player coach Billy Williamson sent off for dissent when he argued with referee Ian Young over a second half freekick.

Lions strengthened their lead at the top of the table with a 1-0 win over Olympic United. The result and North Star's loss, left Lions hot favorites for the title.

In other mid-week games, Acacia Ridge import Marc Flemington maintained his near goal-a game record

when he netted the winner against Coalstars, while Taringa locked into their almost annual draw form when they shared the points in a 1-1 game with Rochdale Rovers.

Stu Greer joins Brisbane City

FORMER Queensland youth representative Stu Greer has signed with Brisbane City after buying out his contract from Rochdale Rovers.

Greer left Rochdale Rovers after a falling out with new player coach John Stewart. The 19-year-old defender-midfielder was placed on the transfer list for \$2000.

The fee was reduced by \$400 on appeal. Greer's father provided the cash for the youngster to make himself a free agent.

In going to City, Greer has set himself a tough task to get into the first team.

Under coach Juan Cutillas, City have strengthened their squad this season.

But Greer was in good form at Rochdale earlier this year, gaining Brisbane selection on his pre-season tournament efforts, and he is expected to quickly force his way into XXXX League reckoning at Spencer Park.

"Stu realises the competition for a place in the team," said secretary Angelo Pennisi, "but he is a good player and we are happy to have him at City."

— GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND has welcomed the Far North back into the state-wide Ampol Cup. They had previously pulled out due to the high travel cost to regional play-off games. This year's play-offs are being held in Mackay, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Maryborough and Rockhampton contest the Central Queensland — Wide Bay qualifier. South West Queensland are staging games in Toowoomba, Roma, Dalby, Kingaroy and Stanthorpe.

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England should play its own game

BY MARK JOHNSON

ENGLAND's loss to Uruguay at Wembley Stadium is not the disaster that many Fleet Street writers have portrayed it.

A run of 17 games undefeated at international level had to end sometime and it was better to end before the World Cup than during it.

A defeat causes much more heart-searching among the coach and players than does a win, and that has to be good.

On the other hand, it was no coincidence that the defeat came at the hands of a highly skilled soccer nation.

This type of opponent seldom appeared during England's 17 games undefeated streak — though there was a good 1-0 result in recent times against Brazil.

The recent FA Cup final at Wembley between Crystal Palace and Manchester United showed up once again the lack of flair, especially attacking flair in the English game.

This was even further compounded in the replay as Crystal Palace set out to kick Manchester United off the park.

In both games, for long periods, both teams stacked their midfields and used only one man up front.

It took 25 minutes for the first real strike at goal to come in the first Wembley game.

And in both matches it took the appearance of substitute strikers to bring any real life or attacking penetration to excite the massed supporters.

That is not the usual way the English play their soccer.

Usually they seek early penetration which is what their crowds demand.

Sometimes this early penetration is naive and ugly, often it isn't, but the English to date have been at their attacking best when crossing, volleying, and heading at goal.

This is the reason for so many of the massive goalkeepers over there.

Saints at Stadium

St George have moved their office from their social club to the St George Stadium.

Club addresses now are St George Stadium, 88 Bestic St, Rockdale, and PO Box 494, Brighton-Le-Sands NSW 2216.

The phone number is 599 1855 (Fax 597 7867), also St George's Hotline & Soccer Information Service number for results, game times & dates) is 0055 21160.

Contacts are Tony Balazsi, Frank Arok, and Matthew Bingley.

Bobby Catlin would never feel a stranger in the English professional ranks.

Manchester manager, Alex Ferguson, during his three-year reign at the club has shown a liking for the short-passing game, but has not consistently persevered with it.

This factor, plus a leaky defence appears to be the main reasons the team has struggled during his time.

Some weeks ago Manchester United did

ter in both Wembley games and it was fortunate for United that a mediocre Palace also deviated from their normal playing strategy.

I mention this because in the last European Nations Cup competition England under Bobby Robson, after a series of ordinary results, suddenly decided to play with a lone striker in Gary Lineker.

His main support was Glen Hoddle, the most forward of a packed midfield.



Bob Catlin — would feel at home in England.

try playing with one man up front, but then appeared to abandon the strategy.

I was surprised to see it introduced again into such an important game as a cup final without it being honed in successfully for a spell of games leading up to the final.

The tactic was a disaster.

The slow ponderous play in the midfield was an embarrassment and never gave England a chance and they slid haphazardly out of the competition.

England does have a good squad this time with a nice balance of skilled and competitive players.

It is important that



manager Robson uses them the way they play best.

England's football at its best has been played for years by its leading club side, Liverpool.

Why do not more English clubs and national managers emulate them rather than copy the Danish, the Dutch and whomever else.

Shame!

IT's great to see the NSL recognise local players John Warren and Joe Marston by naming special awards after them.

They have given what amounts to a lifetime of service to the game and have represented Australia and their home town of Sydney with great distinction.

The Warren Medal and the Marston Award will be eagerly sought by players as a highlight to their playing careers.

But what a pity that this service cannot be fully recognised by the Sydney media.

Of all of our metropolitan press, the Sydney Daily Telegraph was the only paper which failed to mention either award when it was announced.

All I can say is "Shame, Telegraph, shame!"

Rod Gray

Bathurst women's tourney

IN 1989, Mitchell Soccer Club held the inaugural Mitchell Cup, a one-day soccer tournament for women's teams.

This year it is being held on Saturday, August 18.

The tournament is open to all women's teams of any age.

It will be played on a round-robin basis to ensure as many games as possible.



All matches will be played at Proctor Park in Bathurst and a canteen will be in operation. The entry fee is \$5 per team.

Entries will close on Friday, August 4.

The day itself is a "social" day with the idea being to promote women's soccer in the best possible way.

Contact (063) 332 313 (9-5, leave your name and number for Steve Ross).

The address is Mitchell Soccer Club, c/- CSU Mitchell Sports Assn, Panorama Ave, Bathurst NSW 2795.



Andrew Bernal (left) celebrates a goal with Olympic team-mates Grant Lee and Robbie Ironside — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

"Clown Prince" Andrew Bernal

ANDREW Bernal, Sydney Olympic's razor sharp centre-back, was too fast for some of the media a fortnight ago with his quick sense of humour.

Bernal has taken acting lessons and wants to go to Hollywood to be an actor.

He buckled members of the media before and after the NSL grand final against Marconi.

One journalist asked him before the game how he thought Sydney Olympic would fare against last year's champions.

He flashed back: "Marconi hasn't a chance because when they try picking up Abbas Saad and Alistair Edwards, they will find it is like trying to pick up mercury with a fork."

Immediately after fulltime, ABC TV's Peter Gee interviewed Bernal.

Whilst on camera he hammered back: "Marconi might be the Rolls Royce of the NSL, but Sydney Olympic are the Ferraris without a garage."

Since returning from a two year stint in Europe, playing with Sporting Gijon in Spain and then Ipswich Town in England, Bernal has rapidly established himself as one of the NSL's fastest, hardest and most intelligent defenders.

Caretaker national coach, Eddie Thomson, who originally signed him for Sydney Olympic, immediately snapped him up into the Socceroo squad for Australia's forthcoming friendlies against the touring Hajduk Split.

Although a naturally born comedian, once Bernal laces up his boots to play ... the jokes are over.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

ACT LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	A	Pts
Bellconnen Utd	6	4	1	1	15	8.9
Canberra City	6	4	1	1	16	12.9
Juvetius	6	3	2	1	16	8.8
Tugger Utd	6	2	3	1	9	7.7
Urral Canb	6	1	4	1	16	14.6
Canberra Croatia	6	3	0	3	14	12.6
Weston Creek	6	1	1	4	9	14.3
Defence Academy	6	0	0	6	4	26.0

• THE ACT's leading scorer, Steve Lazzari had an eventful first division match against Canberra University. He netted a hat-trick, ensuring Weston Creek gained a much-needed point in a 3-3 draw. Then he missed a penalty which would have given the Creek the match.

• DEFENDING champion Weston Creek moved five points clear at the top of division one of the ACT Women's Association competition with a 5-0 win over ANU. With former top-scorer Julie Murray now playing professional soccer in Denmark and striking partner Glenda Hall sidelined through injury, the Creek goals are now being shared around.

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Enthusiastic Youth League South thrills Melbourne

BY ROY HAY



Goalie Marijo Tarle, of Melbourne Croatia, plucks the ball out of the air from Michael Spasevski of Geelong City, watched by Klaud Cerin (12) and Paul Jurcic (5) of Melbourne Croatia and Con Gaitanis (6) of Geelong City in the National Youth League (Southern Division) match at Somers Street on December 10, 1989 — Photo JOHN CAHILL.

MELBOURNE Croatia defeated Altona Gate in the Southern Grand Final, and went on to defeat Apia Leichhardt 2-1 in the National Grand Final.

South Melbourne Hellas White and Preston Makedonia were the other teams to reach the top four play offs, shading out Sunshine George Cross, winner for the past four years, and Melbourne City JUST.

Then there was a gap to Heidelberg United, Geelong City, East Richmond and North Geelong, with Caulfield City, South Melbourne Hellas Blue and Clifton Hill making up the ladder.

The overlap with the senior Victorian season placed great strains on the local clubs, while a spate of injuries meant that most of the NSL clubs drew on their best Youth League players during the course of the year.

Continuity was difficult to maintain and it was teams like Croatia and Altona Gate who solved the problems best.

Croatia stuck to a settled group of youth players throughout, often playing without established seniors, while Altona Gate drew on the next generation of young players coming through the club to replace those who had made the jump to the State League team.

Early in the season, new entry Geelong City, a team drawn from all the clubs in Geelong, set a surprising pace and headed the ladder for a few weeks, with victories over JUST, Preston and South Melbourne Hellas White.

Hellas, which began with one team, had so many promising play-

ers coming through, that it decided to enter a second team.

This was good for the competition and the players concerned and George Lambetsas and his colleagues are to be congratulated for their efforts in moulding what became a fine side by the end of the year.

Hellas White under Kris Kalifatidis was next to take up the running and was unbeaten after eight rounds.

Gradually Melbourne Croatia forced its way to the top, going through its first 10 matches without dropping a point.

A home draw at Connor Reserve, when Preston led till late in the game, was the first blemish on Croatia's record.

It wasn't until Croatia and Altona Gate met at Somers Street in March that Croatia finally had to admit defeat when Nick Madarovski's goal was all that separated the teams.

The top two places in the league were settled though Hellas White did everything it could to put pressure on the leaders with huge wins over Clifton Hill and Geelong City and a 4-1 defeat of Altona Gate.

The last place was contested till the end, with JUST, George Cross and Preston scrapping for it.

Preston which had started slowly struck its best form at the end and went into the play-offs on a roll.

It continued this progress with a relatively easy 3-0 defeat of Hellas White in the elimination final and led Croatia by a Joe Markovac goal until deep in the second half of the Preliminary Final.

An own goal and a couple of self-inflicted disasters in extra-time brought its excellent season to an end.

Altona Gate booked its place in the Southern Grand Final with a 2-1 win over Croatia and the final match turned out to be as closely fought as all previous encounters.

Croatia took the lead through Richard Milanovic but defender Ljube Trajcevic equalised within 16 minutes. The match went to extra time and penalties before Croatia won 4-2.

Many individual players have made an impact in the NYL this year, with several going on to establish places in their respective senior teams.

Con Boutouanis of Hellas White heads the goal-scoring list, though Saso Becvinovski, who is a regular in the State League with JUST, led the way for much of the season.

Joe Bacak of Croatia has been consistently on target and has done a great deal of selfless hard work for his team.

Kevin Muscat of Geelong broke through into the NSL and Wayne Attard and Athan Zacharias also had appearances.

Joe Markovac, Vitale Ferrante, Robert Spasevski and Robert Momirovski of Preston are on the verge of senior places, while at Altona Gate, Robert Stojcevic, Zlate Markovski and Robert Trajkovski are in the transition to the State League team.

Hus Skenderovic, Paul Jurcic, and Mark Silic of Croatia, Lari Risteviski at Preston, Peter Nikolakopoulos at Hellas, Majan Tasevski from Altona Gate and Hau Tsung Lay at East Richmond were among players who impressed by their steadiness and contribution to team efforts.

The future of Australian soccer is bright when talent like this is just waiting to break through.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

DIV 2

DIV 1

U13

	P	F	A	Pts
Blacktown	14	44	9	28
St George	13	60	7	24
Macarthur	15	42	22	21
Syd Olympic	13	24	9	21
Melita	13	28	23	18
Nepean Dist	13	28	26	14
Marconi	14	27	26	13
Sutherland	15	25	28	13
South Dists	13	16	24	13
Wawarra	13	12	31	8
Syd Croatia	13	18	29	6
Apia L'ndt	12	5	19	6
Bankstown	12	8	27	3
Can/M'ville	15	11	58	2

U14

	P	F	A	Pts
St George	13	25	3	23
Marconi	14	19	7	23
Syd Olympic	13	24	12	20
Melita	13	17	5	20
Wawarra	13	19	11	18
Blacktown City	14	16	16	16
APIA	12	16	16	12
Sutherland	15	10	21	12
Macarthur	15	15	22	11
Nepean	13	14	18	9
Syd Croatia	13	13	27	7
Stn Districts	13	10	25	7
Can/M'ville	15	8	23	6
Bankstown	12	8	19	5

U15

	P	F	A	Pts
Syd Olympic	13	33	9	22
Sydney Croatia	13	31	17	21
Marconi	14	32	16	19
Blacktown	14	29	13	18
St George	13	23	13	18
APIA	12	22	14	18
Melita	13	21	20	18
Wawarra	12	18	22	11
Macarthur	15	29	39	10
Sutherland	15	20	32	10
Bankstown	12	17	20	9
Nepean	13	17	29	8
Canterbury	14	15	41	5
Stn District	11	9	27	4

U17

	P	F	A	Pts
Can/M'ville	15	40	15	22
Sydney Croatia	13	58	18	20
Blacktown City	14	35	12	20
APIA	12	26	9	18
Sutherland	15	26	21	18
Marconi	14	22	16	17
Melita	13	22	12	16
Southern Dist	12	19	13	14
Sydney Olympic	13	22	14	13
St George	13	22	32	12
Nepean	13	12	23	6
Macarthur	15	20	38	6
Bankstown	12	11	33	4
Wawarra	12	1	80	0

U13

	P	F	A	Pts
Gladesville	13	36	3	25
Stn Branch	15	33	16	23
Stn & Eastern	16	38	19	22
Canterbury	15	23	15	17
Blacktown	12	23	15	17
Central Coast	13	24	15	15
Ku-ring-gai	13	25	22	14
Manly Warringah	15	22	23	14
Granville	12	28	17	11
Polonia	15	22	34	11
Rockdale	13	9	18	9
Avale	14	17	27	7
Fairfield City	14	13	33	7
Warringah	12	8	58	0

U14

	P	F	A	Pts
Stn Branch	13	48	13	24
Gladesville	12	52	1	23
Warringah	12	40	3	22
Stn & Eastern	13	18	8	19
Ku-ring-gai	13	15	24	13
Central Coast	13	14	17	12
Rockdale	13	18	23	12
Blacktown	12	19	20	11
Avale	14	23	24	10
Granville	12	11	24	10
Manly Warringah	15	18	32	8
Polonia	15	13	38	8
Canterbury	14	23	54	8
Fairfield City	14	16	12	7

U15

	P	F	A	Pts
Rockdale	13	38	5	24
Stn & Eastern	16	43	17	24
Canterbury	14	28	9	22
Manly Warringah	15	28	18	21
Central Coast	13	20	18	16
Gladesville	13	19	15	14
Blacktown	12	24	19	13
Granville	12	13	18	12
Warringah	12	17	21	10
Ku-ring-gai	13	12	20	10
Polonia	15	12	22	9
Avale	14	13	28	6
Fairfield City	14	11	37	6
Stn Branch	18	15	50	5

U17

	P	F	A	Pts
Polonia	15	32	8	26
Stn Branch	15	34	18	23
Manly Warringah	15	31	14	19
Rockdale	13	29	17	17
Central Coast	13	25	18	16
Stn & Eastern	16	27	25	15
Gladesville	13	28	27	14
Warringah	12	22	14	13
Canterbury	14	21	22	12
Blacktown	11	21	23	12
Avale	13	24	30	10
Granville	12	18	28	9
Ku-ring-gai	13	6	46	3
Fairfield City	14	7	49	1



An Albion-Wodonga defender (centre) comes under pressure from two Canberra opponents, Heather Birnie (left) and Jonelle Lancashire during a senior match in the ACT State Championships in Canberra. Canberra won 3-0 to complete a clean sweep of the tournament which is held in order that coaches may name combined teams to represent the ACT at under 16, 19 and senior levels.

Mitre Metro Representatives

ROUND 9
SUNDAY MAY 27
DIVISION A

	U11	U12
Canterbury	v St George	w/o
Illawarra	v Granville	1-1 2-0
Macarthur	v Bankstown	10-3 2-4
Blacktown	v Sutherland	w/o
Stn Branch	v Stn Districts	1-1 0-2

DIVISION B
ROUND 7
SUNDAY MAY 27

	U11	U12
Ku-ring-gai	v Nepean	1-6 0-5
Macquarie	v Gladesville	0-3 0-0
Central Coast	v Manly	1-2 1-0
Macquarie	v Gladesville	0-3 2-2



ACT LEAGUE

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Balconnie Utd	6	4	1	1	14
Juventus	5	2	1	2	6
Tuggeranong Utd	5	2	1	2	7
University of Canberra	5	1	4	0	4
Canberra Croatia	6	1	3	2	5
Westminster	5	4	1	0	12
Defence Academy	6	1	4	1	4

New Floodlights at Deakin Oval

CANBERRA Croatia provided soccer to match the brightness of its new lighting system at Deakin Oval with a 4-2 win over National League club Sydney Croatia.

The 1600 plus crowd braved one of Canberra's coldest nights of the year to see the local side ram home the point that it is now National League material.

And Croatia coach Tom Sermann gave full marks to the lights and his team's performance yesterday.

"The lights are excellent for our purposes and it's a tremendous step to be able to stage floodlit games at Deakin Oval," he said.

Canberra helped things along with an all-action performance, led by a hat-trick from Tony Lemezzina, including two penalties, the first when he was pushed in the area after 16 minutes. Danny Serena got his first goal for the club 10 minutes later.

David Seal hit back for the visitors just before half time, but Lemezzina restored Canberra's two-goal lead when he followed up on a rebound after Joe Galletti's shot had been blocked.

Anton Grebeviski made it 3-2 and the Sydney team seemed set to snatch at least an equaliser until Lemezzina broke away and was brought down in the penalty area by the goalkeeper.

— GRAHAM COOKE

Canberra Jottings

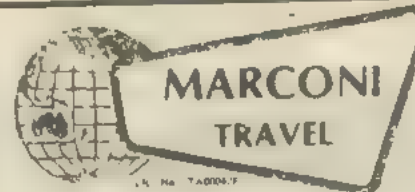
• **AUSTRALIAN** Institute of Sport striker George Sorras may be completely sidelined unless special protection can be designed for a broken toe.

Coch Ron Smith says that injury had been diagnosed and it remains to be seen whether a combination of a larger boot and extra padding can protect the toe.

• **TUGGERANONG** United midfielder Billy Willox says this will be his last playing season. "It's getting too much, when I try to get in my work and business interests as well," he says. But Willox will be interested in any coaching appointment that might be in the offing in 1991.

— GRAHAM COOKE

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IN Queanbeyan, the Monaro club conducted a pre-season tournament which attracted many teams from the Canberra region.

The Belnorth Blue Under 11 Division 1 team, coached by Lino Fiorese and managed by Barry Rumble, defeated Woden Valley 2-0 in the first round and had a bye in the second.

In the semi-final the team faced an energetic Belwest side and won 4-2.

A thrilling final resulted in the Blues, who fought hard to the very end, being beaten 2-0 by Belnorth Gold.

Belnorth Blue U11: Back row L to R: Matthew O'Dwyer, Jason Markezic, Craig Harvey, Daniel O'Dwyer, Glen Catanzariti, Francesco Barresi, coach Lino Fiorese. Front: Josh Lean, Robert Venn, Nicholas Feeney, Pino Siminara, Alex Pounovic, Michael Arnaudon.

Muirfield clear winners

NEWCOMER Marist Bros North Shore played another local Catholic school St Augustines at Miller Reserve in an Area 10 first Round match.

After early St Augustine's pressure, including a narrow squeak for Marist Bros, when a shot hit the post, it was North Shore who then began to take control.

Firstly a cross from right winger Max Mani was volleyed against a post by David Holmes before a subsequent attack saw the ball handled by a St Augustine's defender. Penalty! Keeper Michael Beckett parried the ball but Max Mani netted the rebound to give North Shore a 1-0 half-time lead.

In the second half it was all North Shore, driven on by Tim Cullen

and Max Mani. Cullen and David Holmes were able to increase the margin to give North Shore an convincing first up win.

Muirfield High shook off some poor grade performances, which see them sit near the bottom of the competition, to record a good Round 2 victory over neighbouring Gilroy College in Area 9.

Bolstered by some Year 10 recruits, Muirfield matched Gilroy in the first half with captain Paul Handcock and Adam Tacey causing the opposition plenty of heartaches.

It was Gilroy who went ahead seven minutes before the interval when Damien Deacon scored with a screamer from just inside the area.

Gilroy only held this lead for a mere five minutes when a weak shot

slipped through the keeper's hands for a shock equaliser.

This was the game's turning point.

A positional switch at half-time with Michael Carson going to striker plus the use of the wind soon gave Muirfield the upper hand.

Two lovely through balls to Carson, coupled with his speed and coolness in front of goal, soon increased the score to 3-1.

Muirfield continued to attack for most of the remainder of the game but desperate Gilroy defence prevented any further score.

Just before the end Paul Schenko, who had defended so well for Muirfield, fell awkwardly after a heading duel, dislocating his shoulder, with the result that the team was left with 10 players for a few hairy moments at the end.

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

Early upsets are the rule

A number of schools brought off upsets in the early round of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup.

Newcastle Grammar, for years regarded as one of the Hunter area's "easy-beats," threw off that tag in no uncertain way by downing the strong Newcastle High 2-0, scoring a goal in each half.

Coach Brian Templeton was full of admiration for his young charges as they stormed to their first major victory in the competition.

They meet one of the most powerful schools in the area next match in Whitebridge High.

Against Newcastle, Tommy Donnelly controlled the midfield while brother Stephen created many damaging forward thrusts into the penalty area.

Health Podmore was very constructive distributing the ball to his forwards.

NEWCASTLE GRAMMAR 2 (Mathew Moncrieff, Stephen Donnelly) d Newcastle High 0 at Darling Street, Hamilton. Referee: Dwayne Brown.

Reflecting on the great effort from little Tottenham in 1988 as they downed much bigger schools in the West of NSW, the same start has been made by the Ashford Central School up in the New England Area.

Matched against the much bigger populated MacIntyre High from Inverell, the Ashford lads not only won the game but belted in five clear goals in doing so.

Area co-ordinator Bill Schofield at first didn't believe the message but was soon convinced by the excited Ashford coach Colin Gadd.

Their next match is against last year's area champions Inverell, who by repute is even stronger this year.

ASHFORD CENTRAL 5 (Dean Beveridge 3 James Beveridge, Jason Julius) d MacIntyre High, Inverell 0.

Once again Merewether served a warning to other Newcastle schools that they will be a force in 1990 when they over-

whelmed Lambton 5-1. Over recent years Merewether has done well, in fact in 1988 many followers regarded them as a good thing beaten.

MEREWETHER 5 (Harry James 2, Nathan Ellis, Greg Wallace, Peter Mayhew) at Lambton 0. Referee: Dwayne Brown.

Mount View had the better of things in the first half of their Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup match against Rutherford and led 1-0 at half time.

Rutherford struck back and equalised before full-time and they were still locked together at the end of extra-time. The match was of a high standard and Rutherford won the shoot-out.

Rutherford 2-3 penalties (Daniel Charnock, Jamie Bennett) d Mount View (Cessnock) 2-2 penalties (Nathan Thompson, Sean Broadbent) at Mount View High School. Referee: K. H. Lund.

TV cover

The South Coast Area Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup match between Keira Boys and

Kanahooka was covered by WIN TV Channel 4.

Gary Kemp made the arrangements. Keira Boys won the match 4-0.

Over the years the area winner in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup for the NSW Far North Coast has come from around the Lismore.

Following Grafton's 8-0 victory over St Aloysios it could see a new city in the lime-light.

Classy soccer players are denied the chance to play their chosen sport at some schools in the country. The schools authorities will only support rugby league and hockey, a situation that should be turned around as soon as possible.

Umina's 8-0 win over Kincumber appears to put them in the running to be the Central Coast's top school this year.

However, word is out that Northlakes could be the dark horse, following their great 3-2 victory over the strong Erina.

Turner Cup thrills

LAST year's finalists in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup have gone along contrasting roads this year's series.

The champions, Cambridge Park, Penrith, after a negative victory over Plumpton, pulled out all the stops to down St Clair 6-0 and move into the Area 8 quarter-finals.

Up on the Central Coast, finalists in 1989, Umina, have dropped out of the competition.

Actually, they started by beating the inexperienced Kincumber 8-0 but found The Entrance a far too tough a hurdle to jump, going down 5-1.

It has been suggested that The Entrance is the team to beat this year. Their first win was against Central Coast Grammar with a scoreline of 2-1.

Dark horse in this Area could be Northlakes who ousted the strong Erina team 3-2.

Whoever wins the Central Coast Area 7B are expected to reach the final sixteen as word has it that Area 7A, which includes schools in the

Lake Macquarie region, does not appear as strong this year.

However, 1986 champions Cardiff and the famous Booragui High may have other ideas.

Two former Cup-winning schools met recently in a Round 2 encounter.

St Peters, Maitland (1988 winners) defeated Cessnock (1983 winners) 2-1 in a top match at Cessnock.

Winners St Peters may find the new boys Rutherford quite a hurdle next week in the Hunter Valley Area SC semi-final.

Up on the Far North Coast, Kadina put an end to last year's semi-finalists Trinity College with a 3-2 result at Lismore. Both had finished with the same scoreline in the previous round. Kadina beating Alstonville and Trinity defeating St Johns College, Woodlawn.

Other former champions to drop out this year are Belmont (the first-ever winners, 1979) to St Pauls Booragui 4-3; Glendale (1981) to Francis Greenway, Beresfield 1-0; Bankstown Boys (1982) 5-0 to Hurstville Boys.

Still going are Tamworth (1980), Wallaseed (1984), Canberra (1985), Cardiff (1986) and Kogarah (1987).

Schools report

Although belated, it is appropriate to compliment Ron Pratt on the production of the Australian Secondary Schools Soccer Federation publication. This covered the tour of USA, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire.

For sheer detail and relevance it is unbeaten in its field.



EDUARDO MOERBECK is Director of Coaching and U/15 & U/17 coach of the Sydney Croatia club this season. Chilean born, he has been over the past three years one of the really successful coaches of the Umbro League. He coached the U/15 team champion side in 1988/1989 who were NSW champions as well, and this year both his teams led when the first round ended. State players who came through the club are Tony Popovic, Mark Basic, Andrew French, and Matthew Zec, all of whom represented Australia in the World U16 Cup in Scotland last year. They have already had NSL experience.

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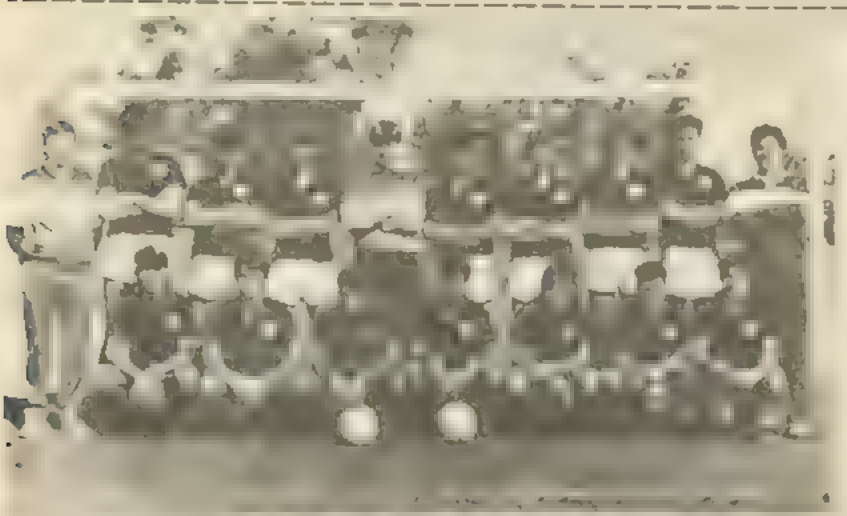
ROUND 16
SATURDAY MAY 26
DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Macarthur	v St George	1-3	0-3	0-0	2-3
Illawarra	v Syd Olympic		w/o		
Nepean	v APIA		w/o		
Bankstown	v Syd Croatia		w/o		
Sutherland	v Melita	0-2	0-3	1-1	1-4
Marconi	v Blacktown City	2-4	1-0	1-1	1-2
Stn Districts	v Cant/M ville	3-0	0-1	1-1	2-0

ROUND 17
SATURDAY MAY 27
DIVISION 2

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Granville	v Ku-ring-gai		w/o		
Stn & Eastern	v Canterbury	3-1	2-2	1-2	4-1
Polonia	v Warringah	3-2	0-6	0-0	2-0
Central Coast	v Gladesville		w/o		
Rockdale	v Manly Warringah	1-3	2-0	3-0	2-1
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Big bucks involved in the World Cup

WINNING the World Cup means more than team pride. Bonuses from national soccer federations and shares of sponsorship contracts could total as much as \$355,000 for each player from countries such as Italy.

Bonuses paid by the individual soccer federations have soared over the last decade, but money from other sources such as sponsorship deals and movie contracts have inflated the amounts even more.

Each of Italy's 22 players reportedly earned \$263,000 for winning the 1982 World Cup in Spain, while Argentina's players earned about \$38,000 apiece for winning the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

The Italians, whose federation is one of the richest in the world, reportedly will receive up to \$355,000 if they win this year's tournament.

That is above any individual endorsement contracts players sign after the tournament, such as Italy's 1982 World Cup hero Paolo Rossi, who signed a \$2.5 million endorsement deal after the championship.

Press reports in England say the British players are expected to receive \$130,000 each if they win the trophy and half of that if they get to the semifinal.

Guarantee

In West Germany, each player is guaranteed \$96,000 from their federation for a victory in the final.

Players also get a share of sponsorship deals and are assured another \$31,000 apiece even before they arrive in Italy.

West German players also will get money from a record they made with local pop star Udo Jürgens.

West Germany's players will share 60 percent of all World Cup-related contracts signed by the federation.

Some estimate that could total nearly \$395,000, but others believe that figure is exaggerated and more reliable estimates peg the amount at around \$155,000.

Players from the Spanish team will have almost as good a deal. Each player already has been guaranteed \$38,000 for qualifying and that amount increases for each successive round reached up to \$128,000 for a World Cup title.

Spain's manager, Luis Suarez, will get \$255,000, double the players' bonus, should his squad win.

For some nations, where qualifying is as major an accomplishment as winning the Cup is to the soccer powerhouses, players already have been rewarded prodigiously.

In the United Arab Emirates, the smallest nation ever to qualify

for the quadrennial championship, players received \$200,000 each just for making the 24-team World Cup final field!

The Emirates, drawn with Colombia, West Germany and Yugoslavia, are not expected to draw a game, let alone win one.



Andreas Möller: will earn big money at Italia '90.

Half of the money was contributed by U.A.E. president, Sheik Zayed bin Sultan

Nahyan, with the other half from the various rulers of seven emirates in the U.A.E.

The players are expected to be showered with money, villas and limousines from the rulers, the sheiks and avid rich fans if they win at least one match in Italy.

Funding for the bonuses comes from several sources, including lump-sum payments by FIFA to World Cup qualifying federations.

The United States, which lacks a professional outdoor league, has had players under yearly contracts for about \$40,000 since after the 1988 Olympics.

After a squabble with players in January over



the contracts, the US Federation agreed to give players bonuses from unexpected profits

made from exhibition games — regardless of their performance in Italy.

But the money has also been a source of controversy.

Brazilian players two weeks ago posed for team pictures with their hands over a sponsor's name on their warmup suits and practiced with their shirts, also bearing the sponsor's name, inside out to protest what they considered inadequate bonuses.

The Brazilian Federation had signed a \$1.25 million sponsorship deal with a local subsidiary of multi-national PepsiCo, and agreed to pay players \$10,000 bonuses should they win the World Cup.

SOUTH AMERICAN SCENE

BY MARIO ETCHART

URUGUAY, mixing their strong defensive system with an artistic attack, gave its World Cup hopes an important boost after ending England's 17 match unbeaten run with a 2-1 victory at Wembley Stadium in front of 40,000 disappointed home fans.

Excellent goals by Uruguayan midfielders Santiago Ostolaza with a perfect header after 27 minutes, and Jose Perdomo from a powerful free kick from 25 metres out in the 62nd, secured the South Americans' first win on English soil on their first appearance in England since the 1966 World Cup.

The locals, looking for a victory in their last home match before heading for World Cup duties in Sardinia, equalised with an equally impressive goal by the skillful John Barnes after 51 minutes, but were never able to take control of a niggling, frustrating encounter marred by Uruguay's rough defensive play.

Surprisingly, given the number of stoppages, Italian referee Pietro D'Elia was not moved to caution a single player on what was a memorable evening for the Uruguayans but no so for the English and their coach Bobby Robson.

There were only flashes of the sort of skills to be expected at the top level.

ENGLAND: Shilton, Parker, Pearce, Hodge (Beardsley 77m), Walker, Butcher, Robson, Gascoigne, Chris Waddle, Lineker (Bull 77m), Barnes.

URUGUAY: Pereira, Gutierrez, De Leon, Herrera, Perdomo, Dominguez, Alzamendi, Ostolaza, Francescoli, Paz, Sosa (Martinez 81m).

EVEN if they fail to win the World Cup for a record fourth time, Brazil are likely to take the title of top entertainers both on and off the pitch in Italy next month.

With the noisiest and most colourful supporters in world football, the South American champions are certain to capture the attention of cameramen and commentators alike in Italy once they start beating out their samba rhythms.

The Brazilian players, famous for their golden yellow shirts and their perfectly executed free kicks, especially from set pieces — may not be as flamboyant as in the past, but they should still be watched particularly closely in all dead ball situations when on the attack.

In the past the great names associated with Brazil have been Pele, Rivellino, Dirceu, Eder and Zico.

This time around it is likely to be the turn of brilliant left-back Branco, who creates panic in opposing defences with spectacular long range shots over, round or straight through all types of player barriers.

A Brazilian goal will spark a celebration that feels like a great fiesta with drums, songs and the popular rhythms of sambas and

"batucadas", and the waving and dancing of the supporters of "Jogo bonito", as the South Americans call "beautiful football."



HUGO DE LEON Uruguay

COME ON ROBBO!

EGYPT coach Mahmoud El-Gohary wants Bryan Robson fit and ready to lead England against his underdogs.

That's because he wants no excuses from England if his men pull off the shock of the series.

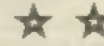
El-Gohary says: "I was sorry to see Robson miss the Brazil match but we want him to play against us."

"There are many possible replacements for Robson but they wouldn't have the same experience."

"We want to play England's very best side. We know that beating them would be very hard as it is. But it wouldn't be the same without Bryan Robson."



In this spectacular incident from the Italian league match between Cesena and Genoa, Genoa's Fontolan's bicycle kick surprised friend and foe alike. Others in the picture are Torrente (right) and Agostini of Cesena.



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Vulture set to swoop

BY RICHARD LORANT of AP

REAL Madrid's practice has been over for hours and nearly all the soccer stars have gone home. But the kids patiently ringing the clubhouse parking lots are staying put until they see their hero.

Inside, Emilio Butragueno prepares for the daily walk to his car. Luckily for Spain's World Cup team, the 26-year-old striker slips defenders better than he does fans.

As he moves briskly toward his red hatchback, the teenagers duck the flimsy barriers. A few metres from the clubhouse, he is surrounded.

With 20 goals in 48 international matches, Butragueno is one of the national squad's most experienced players and a key to its success in Italy, where its first round opponents are Uruguay, Belgium and South Korea.

Butragueno, nicknamed "El Buitre" (Vulture), is a dogged competitor capable of dazzling moves that seem divinely inspired — and are highly inspirational to his teammates.

If Spain is to improve on its seventh place showing in Mexico four years ago, coach Luis Suarez will need strong performances from Butragueno and the two other 1986 holdovers, playmaker Jose Michel Gonzalez and goalie Andoni Zubizarreta.

"Those of us who were the youngsters then are now the veterans. This team is much younger but we hope to have a good Cup," Butragueno said.

"Last time we had some 30-year-olds. This time I'm a veteran at 26. Suarez has really gone for youth."

Suarez has also bet on Spain's top clubs. Five of the players on his likely roster come from Real Madrid and

another four play with perennial powerhouse, FC Barcelona, which beat Real to take this season's Spanish Cup.

Michel, with 43 international appearances, has been setting up Butragueno with sharp passes since 1984, in both Real Madrid and the national team.

Now 27, Michel relies on his steady nerves, good field vision and pinpoint control to direct play up and down the centre. He has 13 goals, six on penalty kicks.

Rafael Martin Vazquez, 24, came up to Real's first team in 1983, but he is just coming into his own on the field.

Normally a left winger, he is fast and has a nasty shot. He moves to the centre and takes over for Michel when the latter has trouble finding his rhythm. He has 21 caps, but has yet to score in an international match.

Real Madrid's two other contributions are Manuel Sanchis and Miguel "Chendo" Porlan, who anchor the defence along with Athletic de Bilbao's Genar Andrinua and Manuel Jimenez of Sevilla.

Chendo and Zubizarreta, at 28, are the oldest players in the team.

Zubizarreta is a sure-handed, no-frills goalie, who has allowed 41 goals in his 48 international appearances. While its aerial game will not impress anyone, Spain should advance to the second round.

It will be tougher to make the quarterfinals, however, and tougher still to equal its fourth place finish in Brazil in 1950.

Suarez has been holding his cards close to his chest ever since Spain won its qualifying group with an impressive 6-1-1 record against Ireland, Hungary, Northern Ireland and Malta.



Dinamo Zagreb captain Zvonimir Boban attacks a policeman on the field during the riot in Zagreb before the Dinamo v Red Star Belgrade match — a picture televised around the world.

FIFA will earn millions

EACH game at the World Cup finals is worth about \$4 million for the people running international soccer.

Shrewd marketing of soccer's biggest event will earn FIFA a guaranteed \$215 million from the month-long championship.

Who benefits? The 24 national teams in the tournament, the Italian organisers and FIFA, which watches over 168 national soccer federations from its glass-and-concrete headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland.

FIFA once struggled to make the World Cup break even.

But the organisation has been posting ever-increasing income from the championship since Joao Havelange took over as its first non-European president in 1974.

Havelange, owner of Brazil's largest bus company and other successful businesses, teamed with Swiss public relations manager Joseph Blatter to introduce modern marketing



JOAO HAVELANGE

methods.

It was a radical step for an organisation that had largely preserved the spirit of its 1904 founders, gentlemen soccer enthusiasts from seven continental European countries.

Blatter, FIFA's general secretary, says the biggest revenue chunk at the 1990 World Cup, about 40 per cent, will come from sales of television broadcast rights.

Another third is income from ticket sales, for which the Italian organisers fork over \$70 million to FIFA.

Tickets range from a minimum \$17 at first-round games to \$230 for the final.

Advertising brings in another 25 per cent of FIFA's total. This is derived from sponsors, mostly big multinational companies, that pay to plug their products on stadium billboards, seen worldwide on TV, and sales of souvenirs with licensed logos.

FIFA has secured long-term contracts in the three areas — broadcast rights, ticket sales and advertising — worth nearly \$936 million through the end of the century.

Television's reach, especially in the Third World, is crucial to the World Cup's success as a money generator.

FIFA estimates a record 26.5 billion people will watch the 1990 World Cup on TV — an average of about 500 million for each of the

tournament's 52 matches.

"The steadily growing popularity of soccer, also among young people, and its increasing importance, fostered by the mass media, make it tempting to use as a means of advertising," Blatter once outlined FIFA's business philosophy.

From this year's budgeted profits, each World Cup qualifier can expect to get \$608,000 per game.

That means FIFA will channel some \$63 million to the 24 squads just for taking part.

The federation also lavishly sponsors pre-tournament preparation, travel costs and room and board for World Cup teams.

Italian organisers are counting on a \$53 million profit under their arrangements with FIFA, according to chief organiser Luca di Montezemolo.

Blatter says FIFA will net about \$20 million after subtracting its share of organising the event.



Spanish ace Emilio Butragueno.

AC Milan completes Italian grand slam

AC MILAN repeated as European champions last week when they beat Benfica, of Portugal, 1-0 in the Champions' Cup final at Vienna's Prater Stadium.

The win gave Italian clubs an unprecedented grand slam of European trophies in 1989/90, coming after Juventus had won the UEFA Cup and Sampdoria the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Milan's victory, however, was much less spectacular than last season's 4-0 trouncing of Steaua Bucharest.

A 67th minute goal by Frank Rijkaard, from a passe by fellow-Dutchman Marco van Basten clinched it for the Italians.

Milan badly missed Donadoni and though Ruud Gullit played the full game, he was muted. This enabled Benfica to feature much more prominently than Steaua last season.

Until the Dutch connection broke through for the winning goal, it seemed as though the tight Benfica defence, well marshalled by Brazilians Aldair and Ricardo, would hold out for a scoreless draw in regulation time.

Benfica's strike force, however, did not create a single clear-cut scoring chance and their forwards were easy meat for the Franco Baresi-led Milan defence.

The final, watched by a crowd of 57,000, might not have produced sparkling football, but it clearly demonstrated that AC Milan remains Europe's number one team.

As a result of the Italian clean sweep, no less than nine Italian clubs will compete in the three European competitions next season.

— LOU GAUTIER

Hässler — a man with a mission



New boy Thomas Hässler (left) displays his Juventus shirt in the company of club stalwart Marocchi. Hässler's signing-on fee pales in significance to the world record transfer paid by Juventus a fortnight ago for Fiorentina's Roberto Baggio.

AFTER shooting West Germany into the World Cup finals, Thomas Hässler's next mission will be to guide his team to its third title.

Then, successful or not, the 24-year-old Hässler will stay in Italy to become another soccer millionaire in the richest league in the world, joining Juventus for a sum reported to be close to \$13 million dollars.

That makes Hässler the most expensive West German player in history. Experts say he is worth it.

"Hässler is the most valuable German player at the moment," says Udo Lattek, the winningest coach in the country and now a prominent soccer commentator.

The World Cup will crown Hässler's meteoric rise from an unknown player who was not even a regular starter for FC Köln to West Germany's main World Cup hope and its

irreplaceable midfield strategist.

In 1988, Hässler was not even considered by West German manager Franz Beckenbauer for the European Championships.

A year later, Hässler was overwhelmingly voted West Germany's Player of 1989.

To cap a remarkable year, Hässler scored the winning goal in West Germany's 2-1 victory over Wales that put Beckenbauer's team into the World Cup finals.

That remains his only goal in 10 internationals, but secured his star status in West Germany.

The blond midfielder was born in West Berlin, where he played amateur soccer. In 1984, he was hired by Köln's junior coach Christoph Daum and when Daum advanced to head coach in 1986, Hässler was gradually integrated into the team.

Hässler turned down lucrative offers from Italian clubs in 1989, saying, "I'm not ready yet, I'm too young."

But one year later, the money was right. "I have no other trade, I have to try and save as much as I can."

A fast, spectacular dribbler, Hässler is probably technically the most accomplished German player. He likes to roam the length of the midfield, pestering opponents and giving clever, unexpected passes to his forwards.

He shoots powerfully with both feet and is dangerous on free kicks.

Under his leadership, Köln finished runner-up in the league the last two seasons and were eliminated by eventual winners Juventus in the UEFA Cup.

But the Fiat and Juventus boss Gianni Agnelli was seen nodding approvingly after Hässler cut a typical slalom through the defence.

Agnelli makes few wrong decisions.



Marco van Basten on the prowl — his AC Milan repeated as European champions last week.

East meets West

East German internationals Thomas Doll and Frank Rohde are to join West Germany's Hamburg SV from FC Berlin for a combined sum of \$2.12 million, according to the ADN news agency.

It said the transfers were finalised by Berlin officials and Hamburg club president Horst Becker after Berlin lost 3-1 to Lokomotive Leipzig in a First Division match.

Rohde, a defender, is to sign for three years and striker Doll for two years. Doll has been the target for a number of West German clubs.

FC Berlin insisted on a clause in the contract which gave it a financial share should Hamburg sell Doll, ADN said.

Ulf Kirsten, Dynamo Dresden's East German international, will also

move to West Germany when he signs for Bayer Leverkusen for a reported \$3 million.

Leverkusen beat off a strong challenge from other interested clubs, Bundesliga rivals Borussia Dortmund and VfL Bochum as well as Italians Inter Milan and Genoa to capture the 24-year-old, who has played 48 times for his country.

The deal will be completed once Kirsten receives official authorisation from the East German Football Federation, which is seen as a mere formality.

Nayim staying

SPANISH star Nayim is ready to abandon a childhood dream and pledge his career to Tottenham.

The young, midfielder ace still has more than three years of his current contract to run but he already has designs on a long-term deal after that.

Nayim, whose name means 'Lucky', loves life at the London club and says: "The way things are going right now I would be happy to stay at Spurs for the rest of my career."

That in itself is a bold statement from the gifted Spaniard who once set his heart on becoming a 'big star' with his former club Barcelona.

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Young US squad

THE US Soccer Federation has named a young squad averaging 23 years of age for the country's first appearance in the World Cup finals for 40 years.



The US bench erupts after the victory against Trinidad and Tobago which clinched a World Cup finals berth for the Americans.

Coach Bob Gansler sprang no surprises in naming his squad of 22 players which will be led by sweeper Mike Windischmann, who holds the US record with 48 full international appearances even though he is only 24 years old.

As expected Gansler left out midfielder Hugo Perez, one of the most inspirational US players who is still recovering from a broken leg suffered while playing for his club team, Red Star, of the French Second Division.

The United States is given little chance of advancing to the second round in a group that also features the host country Italy, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

However, US officials note that in their last World Cup appearance, in Brazil in 1950, the Americans

pulled off one of the greatest upsets in soccer history with a 1-0 win over England.

In Italy, the United States will be relying mostly on the talented goalkeeping skills of Tony Meola, the solid defensive play of Windischmann and midfield support of Paul Caligiuri, John Harkes and Tab Ramos to shut down the opposing forwards.

Goals have been scarce for the United States but the recent injection of Peter Vermes, who plays for Volendam of the Dutch First Division, and Chris Sullivan from the Hungarian League have given the team some much-needed punch.

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England will rely on its experienced men



BY TIMOTHY COLLINGS*

DESPITE the talented claims of a group of newcomers, England's World Cup hopes will rest with the form and fitness of their six most experienced players when they travel to Italy for the finals.

Goalkeeper Peter Shilton, central defender Terry Butcher, captain and midfield mainspring Bryan Robson and forwards John Barnes, Chris Waddle and Gary Lineker have made 400 appearances between them.

Such experience, if deployed cleverly alongside bright, lively and enthusiastic younger players, could prove invaluable in a tournament likely to be played at a slow tempo in high temperatures which will make possession a prized luxury.

None are more experienced than Shilton, who at 40 will be the oldest player in the World Cup finals.

With 115 international appearances, he is on course to overhaul the world record of 119 by Pat Jennings of Northern Ireland.

Shilton began his career with Leicester and progressed via Stoke, Nottingham Forest, where he won a European Cup winners' medal, and Southampton to his current club Derby.

His first England appearance came in 1970 against East Germany shortly after the 1970 World Cup finals.

Fanatic

A fitness fanatic with a single-mindedness which amazes outsiders, he has remained at the top through his dedication and unsatisfied ambition.

If England win, he would emulate the achievement of Italy's former goalkeeper Dino Zoff who received a winner's medal at 40 in 1982.

Butcher, a tall, powerful and physically-daunting central defender with 68 caps is 31 and approaching his last finals. Like Shilton, he played for Eng-



CHRIS WADDLE — creative.

land in the 1982 finals in Spain and in Mexico four years ago.

A broken leg kept him out of England's disastrous European championship finals campaign in West Germany in 1988.

His early career was spent in England manager Bobby Robson's care at Ipswich where he was nursed into a tough-tackling centre-back during Ipswich's great years of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

When Robson left Ipswich for the England job, the club went into decline and Butcher left for a new challenge in Scotland with Glasgow Rangers.

His sheer stature, his leadership qualities and his courage have always shone through for both Rangers and England in recent years, never more so than in England's World Cup qualifying clash with Sweden in Stockholm.

There, with his shirt stained scarlet by his own blood, he played on to help earn a goalless draw despite head wounds which required 17 stitches.

Determined and somewhat taciturn, Butcher epitomises the bulldog spirit of Robson's England in a similar way to captain Bryan Robson, for whom Italy also represents a last chance to win major international honours.

At 32, he has overcome more injuries, most notoriously the dislocated shoulder which marred his World Cup in Mexico, than any other contemporary English player to retain his place not only with Manchester United

but the national team.

Manager Robson has dubbed him "captain Marvel" for his achievements, but some doubt his enduring energy and determination matches the more subtle needs of a top level tournament.

Lineker, scoring regularly again for Tottenham after a dispiriting spell in Spain with Barcelona, sprang to prominence in Mexico in 1986 when he was top scorer with six goals.

Now 29, with 48 caps, he has hit 31 goals for England and established himself as one of the most feared international marksmen in the world.



A fast-moving, strong and accurate finisher, Lineker endured a very poor European finals tournament in 1988 when he played despite having hepatitis, and he will be keen to impress in Italy where his scoring service is expected to be provided by winger Barnes and Waddle.

Since joining Liverpool in 1987, Barnes, who is 26 and has 50 caps, has become the English game's outstanding player with

his skill, pace, finishing power and sheer artistry.

Waddle, a tricky, creative forward who made his reputation at Tottenham, has really come to life since his transfer to Marseille in France last year.

Now 29, he has won 49 caps and is at his peak since losing weight thanks to the strict training at

Marseille with whom he has enjoyed a powerful challenge for both the French championship and European Cup this season.

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Fullback Lee Martin holds aloft the FA Cup which his lone goal captured for Manchester United in the replay against Crystal Palace.

ROBBO TO QUIT

BOBBY Robson's eight-year tenure as coach of the English national team will end after the World Cup finals.

The English FA last week said it had agreed to release Robson from his five-year contract which still has 12 months to run so he could take charge of Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.

Robson had planned to make the announcement after the World Cup, but a press conference was hastily called after the news of his move broke out in a London newspaper.

During the press conference, Robson angrily criticised the media.

The rumpus came on the eve of England's departure for Sardinia



GARY LINEKER — aiming for more goals in Italy.